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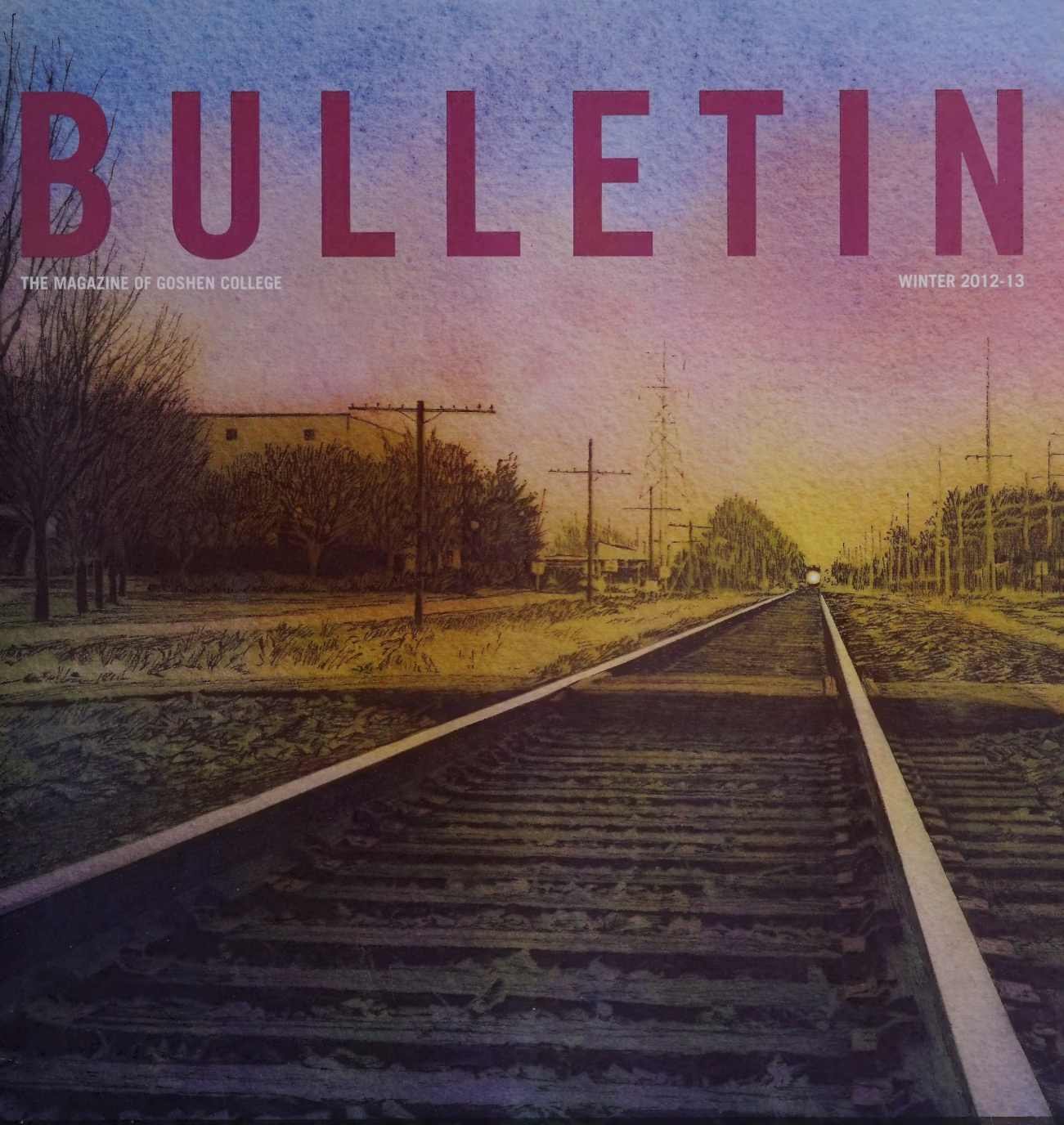

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Please let us know about a student whom you think would fit well in our campus community. Fill out as much of this card as possible or do so online at ***www.goshen.edu/refer-a-student.*** *Please send the second postcard to that student and invite him/her to consider Goshen College.*

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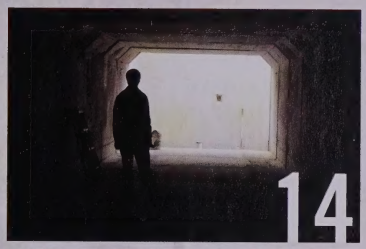

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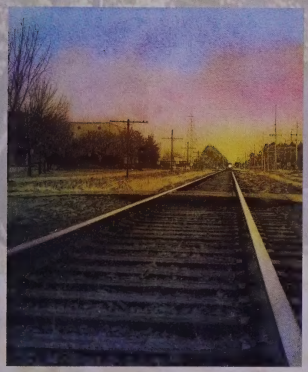

ABOUT THE COVER

The track and trains, part of daily life at Goshen College, are rendered vividly in this painting by Goshen College Graphic Designer **Hannah Gerig Meyer '08**. She created this piece by painting watercolor washes over a fine-tip ink drawing.

Index photo of the center of campus on a beautiful fall day by **Emily Trapp '13**

CORRESPONDENCE

Thanks for the beautiful *Bulletin* of summer 2012. The photography is first class. The news and articles were better than first class. I've read much of it twice!

The story about David Shenk ("David Shenk '09 seeks justice for refugees") was sad. In June 2012, I wanted to go on a learning tour to Ecuador for 10 days. Because of my age (82), I wanted my son, Tom, to accompany me. His work prevented that.

This learning tour concentrates on the native people in the Amazon Basin and the destruction of their world by foreign oil companies. I support the native people of Colombia and Ecuador by means of the Internet.

I applaud David for his work. To me, he's doing two years of work for the Lord.

– **Myron Zerger '56**, Dearborn, Mich.

After reading the article "Incoming First Year Students To Get iPADS," extolling the technological Utopia to be known as iCore Technology, it caused me to reflect on the days of yore when monks labored in their cells working on their own, dare I call them, iMANS, or Illuminated Manuscripts, taking months to create these beautiful works of art but utilitarian as well because they enabled a few more people to read.

Come to think of it, those iMANS, or books from the 15th Century, probably were the precursors of Goshen College's 21st Century iPADS today.

– **Irene Farrand '53**, Indianapolis, Ind.

Great little game of "Find Menno," as in "Where's Waldo?" But two straight issues (both on page 4) it has been "Simmons," not "Simons." Or maybe I'm missing something? Hope my "Menno" feedback is helpful.

– **Dan Shenk '75**, Goshen, Ind.

Response from Richard R. Aguirre, *director of public relations*

Dear Dan:

You're absolutely right – and still as excellent a copy editor as ever. We apologize for the repeated error. And thanks for the feedback!

I want to thank you and congratulate you on your excellent publication of the *Bulletin* for this summer. Our favorite articles were/are "A Gift of Life" – awesome and very heart-warming! Thanks for the glowing graduation photos, too.

We liked the account of the Habitat for Humanity house that was built for the Mayorgas; that was a real labor of love. Along with the "Making Peace with Dandelions" and "Going the Distance," these hit home with those of us who no longer get to darken a campus door. The Gillettes, who are the dashing runners, just capture our fancy; how can they be so young, so energized, have a little son, and endeavoring to maintain a Christian family that gets some time to just relax and enjoy one another. I still suggest, however, that the greatest race both of them can do is the "Run With Jesus" all through each day of their individual lives. I think the Apostle Paul would bless their enthusiastic zealous endeavors, and encourage them to press onward, and upward!

Thanks for all of the years' notes, deaths and special events in various people's lives. Especially poignant is the marvelous story of Kathryn and Lon Sherer. Their ability to put "Culture for Service" to work right after their graduation, and go to India, is instructional for all of us – to put our professional lives to work where the needs are the greatest. The other countries where they also shared their gifts is refreshing to hear in this era of much self-centeredness. We thank God for the lives of the Sherers, and hope to remember in our own outreach, to use their model for inspiration and encouragement.

Thanks again for all that you do to keep us more knowledgeable about the activities of Goshen College, in the past and the present, along with goals/plans for the future. May the good Lord bless and guide all of the staff in remembering that their calling is special, and elevated to real Kingdom work. Thanks and God bless each one!

– **Marian G. Longenecker Burkholder '61,** Mechanicsburg, Pa.

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THE BIRDS AND THE BEES AND PASSIONATE... LEARNING

AS A BOY growing up in the Appalachian Mountains of Pennsylvania, Merle E. Jacobs '48 loved all birds but was obsessed with yellow canaries. From a pair, he eventually developed a flock of 67 canaries – all happily living inside his family's home.

Fifty years later, I had the privilege of studying genetics under Professor Merle E. Jacobs at Goshen College. He was still obsessed with canaries and other birds, but he had branched out, developing expertise in the genetics of aging in fruit flies. He loved fruit flies almost as much as canaries and almost as much as current Assistant Professor of Biology Andy Ammons loves honeybees. If you haven't stood in the midst of thousands of bees swarming all around, while Dr. Ammons gives a lecture on the sex lives of bees, you haven't been on the edge of learning!

Professor Jacobs embodied, as Assistant Professor Ammons still embodies, the college's core value of Christ-centered passionate learning – the core value we are celebrating and examining this academic year. Countless Goshen alumni live that value, as evidenced in many of the articles and news notes in this issue of the *Bulletin*.

At our opening convocation this fall, I told students that one of the questions they surely would be asked during post-graduation job interviews would be, "What are you passionate about?" Indeed, in his best-selling book, *Corner Office*, Adam Bryant interviewed more than 700 CEOs and asked them: "What qualities do you see most often in those who succeed?" Their overwhelming response was "passionate curiosity."

Yet while being a passionate learner is a prerequisite today, in the Western philosophical tradition, the juxtaposition of passion with learning was damnable. Passion, or *pathos*, was associated with intense suffering, as in "the passion of Christ." Indeed, for nearly 2,400 years in learning circles, from Plato to Kant, the idea of passion or *pathos* was considered a counterpoint to thinking or learning, like two magnetic learning poles repelling each other. And for nearly 2,000 years, Christian and Jewish theologians were embarrassed by the God portrayed in Scripture – a God of passion; sometimes angry, sometimes elated, sometimes jealous, sometimes forgiving, at times weeping, showing compassion, intimate and personal.

So when Goshen College proclaims that one of our core values is *passionate* learning, it is a wonderful, amazing confession that goes against the grain of the old Western learning tradition and reclaims a missing piece, supported by Scripture, of a truly comprehensive liberal arts education. Fortunately, over the past 60 years, there is a new story of amazing new learning styles and methods that include a range of human experience.

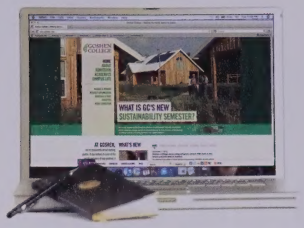
For example, although Albert Einstein was a theoretical physicist, his passions were sailing, playing his violin, smoking his pipe and building houses of cards. These experiences sparked his creative imagination. Einstein even said his musical perception provided the creative force behind his greatest insight, the theory of relativity.

At Goshen College, I marvel at the many gifted and hard-working individuals who pursue their passions: Professor of Physics John Buschert studies the connection between the physics of sound and the shapes of bells; Professor of Bible, Religion and Philosophy Jo-Ann Brant's love of drama and movies led her to an amazing new way of reading St. John's gospel; and Rocio Diaz, community outreach coordinator for the Center for Intercultural and International Education (CIIE), has pursued a bachelor's degree at Goshen College (and maintained a 3.7 GPA) while working full time, putting her two daughters through this college and taking classes in her second language. Now that's a passion for learning involving all senses.

When Jesus claimed that all of Scripture could be summed up in two phrases, the first of the two, pretty much defines, theologically, the meaning of being passionate: "You shall love the Lord your God with *all* your heart, with *all* your soul, with *all* your mind and with *all* your might." Jesus used the word love and added intensity to it. Love combines with passion to multiply endurance, discipline and self-sacrifice – essential ingredients needed to succeed at Goshen College and for the rest of one's days.

Jim Brenneman

Dr. James E. Brenneman
President of Goshen College



WE NEED YOUR HELP

Whenever Goshen College administrators, faculty and staff talk to alumni and friends, enrollment usually comes up. The question takes several forms, from the general, "How is recruiting going?" to the specific, "What is the class looking like for next fall?" Most often, though, the question is even more blunt: "How are the numbers looking?"

The past few years, the numbers haven't looked as good as we would like. In fall 2009, Goshen had its largest first-time freshmen class in 27 years. Since then, we haven't had the numbers we wanted, though not for a lack of trying.

This year, we're excited about the appointment of James Townsend (known as "JT") from LeTourneau University in Longview, Texas, as our new vice president for enrollment management and marketing. He has more than 25 years of higher education leadership and experience and a successful track record in enrollment work, as well as expertise in social media and Web-based recruitment.

There are early signs enrollment may increase next fall, thanks to hard work by JT, the Admissions Office, led by Director of Admissions Dan Koop Liechty '88, and many members of the Goshen College community. It truly is a team effort.

Still, we need more help, which is why we've included two postcards in the *Bulletin*. We invite alumni to pass on the names of students who might be interested in Goshen College and send the second postcard to those students and encourage them to visit campus.

As Dan said recently, "My new mantra is that if alumni seriously want us to recruit their child, they need to make sure to have their child visit campus. I challenge alumni to be less passive in the recruitment of their children and in referring others."

And so, we are challenging you: tear out the postcard, fill it out and mail it back today. Send the other to a student encouraging him/her to consider Goshen. We want to get dozens, if not hundreds, of postcards. We'll report the totals in the next issue of the *Bulletin*.

In addition, we encourage alumni and friends to help us in other ways:

- Encourage prospective students to visit goshen.edu, to learn about majors, admission requirements, financial aid and to request information.
- Urge students to attend a 2013 open house – senior weekend on March 9-10 or the open house for juniors on March 22 – or arrange for an individual campus visit by calling (574) 535-7535 or (800) 348-7422.
- If you live near Goshen, take a prospective student out for coffee at Java Junction (our campus coffee shop) or to an athletic, music or theater event.
- Pass on feedback and suggestions to James Townsend at james.townsend@goshen.edu; he would love to hear from you.
- Finally, pray for our prospective students as they make one of the most important decisions of their life. As always, we also welcome your prayers for Goshen College and for our students, faculty, staff and alumni.

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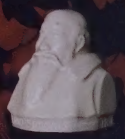
FIND MENNO



Menno Simons clearly was ahead of his time. We heard from 39 of you who correctly found Menno in the Summer 2012 issue on page 44, helping Director of Computing Services Phyllis Stuckey welcome GC's new state-of-the-art computer to campus, in March 1978.

We love hearing from all of you as you find where Menno is hiding (he looks just like the photo at the top, just smaller). So, when you do, submit your entry to **gcbulletin@goshen.edu** by **Feb. 15, 2013**, for a chance to win. Be sure to include your name, address, T-shirt size and graduation year/affiliation with Goshen College.

From the correct submissions, we chose at random five lucky winners to receive limited edition *Bulletin* T-shirts:

1. **Tim Fowler**, father of **Mary Fowler '10**, Anderson, Ind.
2. **Dan Haarer '62**, Goshen, Ind.
3. **Jerry Peters '85**, Goshen, Ind.
4. **Carol Greider Unruh '54**, Southlake, Texas
5. **Jenna Yoder '07**, Dallas, Texas

GOSHEN WELCOMES CLASS OF 2017

Diversity and high satisfaction characterized Goshen College's new and returning students for 2012-2013.

Fall 2012 enrollment statistics showed a total head count of 923 students attending full or part time and taking courses, seeking graduate degrees or seeking degrees through the Division of Adult and External Studies (DAES), according to Goshen College Registrar Stan Miller.

Of the total this year, 879 students were enrolled in the undergraduate program and 44 students were enrolled in two graduate programs – a Master of Science degree in Nursing and a Master of Education degree in Environmental Education.

Retention – a key measure of student satisfaction – continued to be high. The latest figures showed that 84 percent of the 2011-12 first-year students were enrolled this fall.

The college also is moved closer to its goal of increasing diversity among the student body. The freshman class was more diverse than the rest of campus, with 40 percent of students being international (15 percent), Asian (1 percent), African American (4 percent), Hispanic (12 percent) or multiracial (6 percent). In contrast, the campus as a whole was 73 percent Caucasian.

– Jodi H. Beyeler

JODI H. BEYELER

Opening convocation

PROFILE OF GC'S NEW STUDENTS:

Average grade point average: **3.44** on a 4.0 scale

58 percent female, **42** percent male

48 percent come from Indiana

Represent **116** high schools, **27** denominations and **13** countries

GOSHEN COLLEGE RANKS AMONG THE BEST

Goshen College is ranked among the best U.S. liberal arts colleges, according to annual rankings released this fall.

U.S. News & World Report – GC placed 140th out of 239 national liberal arts colleges in the 2013 "Best Colleges" rankings, which is nearly the same as last year's ranking (139th). High school counselors ranked the college 114th for best liberal arts colleges. GC also was on lists of schools with the highest rates of students studying abroad and the highest percentage of international students.

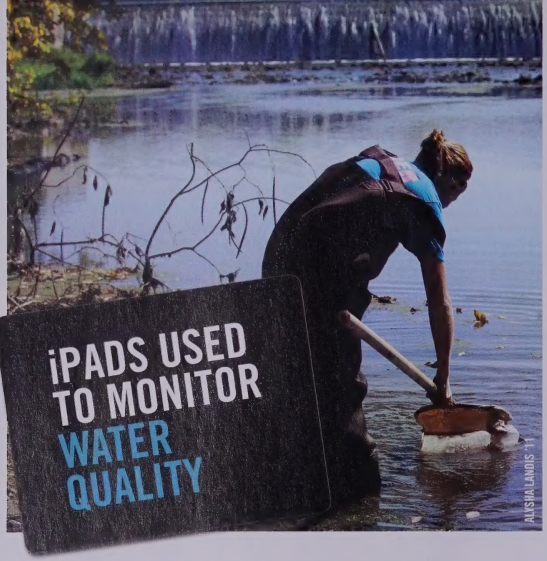
Kiplinger's Personal Finance – GC was named one of the top 200 best values among all private colleges for combining outstanding quality with affordability. GC moved up five positions and was ranked 75th among liberal arts colleges and second among Indiana liberal arts colleges. GC costs 10 percent less than the national average for private colleges.

Washington Monthly – GC was ranked 146th on the list of 254 liberal arts colleges based on three broad, equally weighed categories – social mobility, research and service to community and country.

Forbes – GC was ranked 388th on an elite list of 650 institutions – selected from the more than 4,000 total U.S. colleges and universities – based on student satisfaction, post-graduate success, student debt, four-year graduation rate and competitive awards (so Forbes now ranks GC among the top 9.7 percent of all U.S. colleges and universities).

College of Distinction – For 2012-2013, GC was among only 200 U.S. colleges and universities to be named a "College of Distinction" for providing students with the highest level of undergraduate education.

– Jodi H. Beyeler



iPADS USED TO MONITOR WATER QUALITY

How much e-coli and lawn fertilizer flows into the Elkhart River and is the water safe? During the fall semester, Goshen College students collaborated with community members to answer those questions and students used iPads for their work.

On Oct. 1, Associate Professor of Biology Ryan Sensenig's Ecology and Evolution class launched a five-week collaborative project with a local company, Hertzler Systems Inc., the GC Informatics and Biology departments and the Community Clean Water Project to test the river's water quality. With new iPads, the students entered the water quality data they collected directly into their tablets using an app designed by Jacob Shetler '15 during an internship with Hertzler.

After being entered into the app, the water quality data was automatically uploaded to a server on campus where a software program, donated by Hertzler, compiled and analyzed the data. The students also designed a Website to communicate data to the public. The best designs will be selected by Hertzler staff to be implemented with help from a GC informatics class in the spring. "This will eventually allow anyone using a mobile device to access weekly water data in real-time in a user-friendly way that promotes increased awareness," Sensenig said.

In the field, students sampled macro invertebrates from the river as biological indicators of the water quality. Volunteers from the Community Clean Water Project helped gather samples. The volunteer group, which was formed about four years ago by Sensenig and local environmental educator Melissa Kinsey, adopted the statewide monitoring program of Hoosier Riverwatch.

After the introduction of iPads for all first-year students, Sensenig adjusted the project. "It allows us to emphasize to students the importance of using technology to communicate scientific findings to the public," he said. "And having the ability to type in data right in the field is a compelling way of using the iPad."

– Alysha Landis

COLLEGE LAUNCHES SUSTAINABILITY SEMESTER

"Launch" was an apt word for the beginning of the Sustainability Semester in Residence (SSR), a new undergraduate program at Merry Lea Environmental Learning Center at Wolf Lake, Ind. Students began the semester with a weeklong exploration of the Elkhart River Watershed, traveling by canoe when possible.

Seven students, most of whom were environmental science majors, launched their canoes from Mallard Roost Wetland Conservation Area, east of Ligonier, and ended in Benton Harbor where the St. Joe River meets Lake Michigan. Along the way, students tested the water quality of the rivers and visited with residents and institutions along their journey.

The SSR canoe trip and the courses that followed it were part of a pedagogy called problem-based learning. This form of learning places more responsibility on students to figure out what they need to know and how they can learn it. Faculty members are guides and coaches and the entire watershed was the laboratory.

On an orientation hike at Merry Lea, Dave Ostergren, who teaches an environmental policy course in the SSR, challenged the students to consider what policies had shaped the landscape they hiked through and what bodies made those policies. SSR culminated in an environmental problem-solving project that required students to address a local environmental problem.

Luke Gascho, Merry Lea's executive director, said planning for the SSR began in 1999 – the year the SSR students were in second or third grade. Merry Lea staff resolved to develop innovative undergraduate programs that would immerse students in the landscapes they are studying. The long process included construction of Rieth Village, a platinum-rated LEED® facility where the students lived.

– Jennifer Schrock

PHOTOS PROVIDED

UNION RENOVATED FOR A NEW CENTER

A central portion of the Union Building was renovated over the summer and students, as well as campus visitors, have noticed the extensive improvements.

The new Center for Intercultural and International Education houses the offices of Study-Service Term (International and Domestic), Intercultural Teaching and Learning, Diverse Student Support, International Student Support, Master of Arts in Intercultural Leadership and the Institute for Latino Educational Achievement. The 12,730-square-foot renovation, which was completed in September, included upgrades to corridors and common spaces and unique glass partition walls with an open space concept and the use of natural light. The new mechanical system was designed to tie in with the college's geothermal heating system.

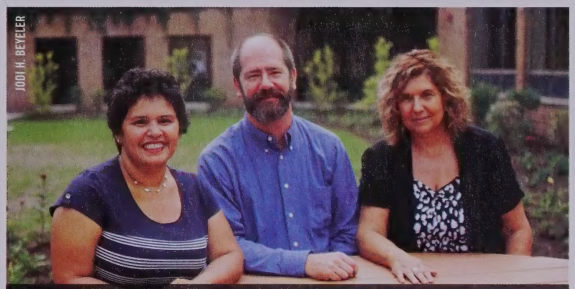
– Richard R. Aguirre

NEW MASTER'S PROGRAM TO FOCUS ON INTERCULTURAL LEADERSHIP

Building on the success of its master's degree programs in environmental education and nursing, Goshen College will offer a new Master of Arts in Intercultural Leadership, starting in January 2013. The Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools approved the program on Aug. 22.

"This program is a natural extension of GC's longstanding expertise in the area of intercultural and international education," said Academic Dean and Vice President for Academic Affairs Anita Stalter. "The curriculum is designed to meet the demand for leaders with the knowledge, skills and capacity to lead increasingly diverse organizations."

The program is designed for mid-career working professionals, including business managers, educators, health-care professionals and nonprofit leaders, who want to enhance their preparation for engaging the multiple cultural contexts in which modern organizations operate. The 18-month program consists of three residential sessions (of nine days each) on campus (in January, July and January) as well as online coursework. Tuition for the program will be $6,300 per semester (three semesters total), plus textbook fees. Numerous current Goshen College faculty members will teach in the program, which will be led by Associate Dean of Intercultural Development and Educational Partnerships Dr. Rebecca Hernandez and Associate Dean Dr. Ross Peterson-Veatch.



JODI H. BEYELER

The new Master of Arts in Intercultural Leadership is led by (*left to right*) Associate Dean of Intercultural Development and Educational Partnerships Dr. Rebecca Hernandez, Associate Dean Dr. Ross Peterson-Veatch and Academic Dean and Vice President for Academic Affairs Anita Stalter.

"Students will gain practical skills as well as expertise in organizational theory, with a unique emphasis on understanding how culture informs effective approaches to leadership," said Hernandez. "In addition, students will design and implement a major action research project which links learnings from the program to their professional contexts. Throughout the program, students will demonstrate and reflect on their growth using an electronic portfolio."

This master's degree is one of several initiatives that were part of a $12.5 million grant from Lilly Endowment Inc., which Goshen College used to establish the Center for Intercultural Teaching and Learning (CITL) in 2006.

– Jodi H. Beyeler

COMMUNITY PRAYS FOR PROFESSOR JAMES S. MILLER

The Goshen College community marked the one-year anniversary of the death of Professor of Biology James S. Miller with prayer and remembrances.

A home intruder killed Professor Miller, 58, about 1 a.m. on Oct. 9, 2011, according to the Goshen Police Department. Linda Miller, Professor Miller's wife, was wounded in the attack and was hospitalized five days. She said her physical wounds have healed, but she continues to suffer emotionally from the attack and the loss of her husband and the father of their three children.

Professor Jim Miller's family prays during the college's remembrance service on Oct. 9, 2012: *(left to right)* his sister Kathy Fenton-Miller, his mother Elizabeth Jeschke, his wife Linda, his son Robert, his daughter Leanne, his daughter Lisa Rose Martin and his grandson Jared Martin.

While police continue to investigate the case, family, friends and members of the college community gathered twice on Oct. 9 to remember Professor Miller's 31 years of service to Goshen and to offer prayers for healing and peace.

The Department of Biological Services held a brief morning ceremony in the Science Hall to dedicate a photographic image taken, edited and donated by Dr. Richard Manalis, emeritus professor of biology at Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne. The black and white print, titled "Imagined Destination," depicts a road cutting through a forest and ending in mist and a patch of sunlight.

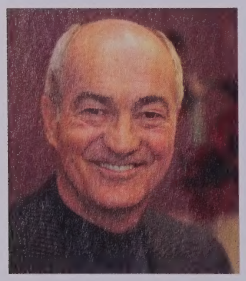
That afternoon, about 150 people met at the prayer labyrinth for a gathering led by Campus Minister Bob Yoder. The labyrinth now has landscaping and a bench, donated by the Class of 2012 and the Class of 1962, in remembrance of Professor Miller.

President Emeritus Victor Stoltzfus read a prayer written by President Brenneman, who could not be present. Comments were offered by two GC students – Indigo Rey Miller, a senior nursing major from Colorado Springs, Colo., and Peter Martin, a senior molecular biology/biochemistry major from Goshen. Professor of Music Beverly Lapp ended the gathering by leading the singing of the hymn "Lord, Listen to your Children Praying."

In a written statement, Linda Miller said, "Our children are doing as well as can be expected for grieving children. Life is not easy. I continue to trust God every day for strength and for healing."

– *Richard R. Aguirre*

VIRGIL L. MILLER REMEMBERED FOR HIS SERVANT LEADERSHIP



Virgil L. Miller, chair of the Goshen College Board of Directors from 1999 to 2009, died July 19 at his home in Archbold, Ohio, surrounded by his family, following a two-year struggle with cancer. A memorial service was held July 23 at Zion Mennonite Church.

Miller, 72, spent his career at Sauder Manufacturing, Inc., rising from salesman to president and chief executive officer and later, chairman of the board. He gave his time generously to many nonprofit and charitable organizations and served as chair of several boards. He was appointed to the Goshen College board in 1997, became chair in October 1999 and served as the board's leader until he stepped down in 2009.

As Goshen board chair, Miller helped the college achieve many of its major goals over the past 15 years, such as establishing new academic programs, maintaining financial stability amid economic downturns, building the Music Center and student apartments, moving to a new policy governance model and mentoring two presidents. Miller and his wife, Mary Ann, who survives, also donated generously to Goshen College for 37 continuous years.

Goshen College President James E. Brenneman said Miller was a friend and adviser whose life exemplified servant leadership. "Virgil had a good journey and an amazing life of service," Brenneman said. "For many years, as board chair, Virgil gave wise counsel and visionary leadership that profoundly strengthened the mission of Goshen College. He was an irreplaceable mentor to me, an intellectual and spiritual conversation partner, and a lasting friend."

– *Richard R. Aguirre*

NEW EMPLOYEES 2012-2013

Goshen College opened the 2012-2013 academic year with new faces – new employees, some of whom were hired and began their duties earlier in the year.

TEACHING FACULTY

James Halteman '66
Visiting professor of economics, business department

Jim Hess
Director of the business degree program for nontraditional students

Jeffrey Mayfield
Assistant professor of chemistry, fall semester

Beth Miller '99
Assistant professor of nursing

Leslie Miller
Assistant professor of art

Gilberto Perez
Associate professor of social work

Kristopher Schmidt
Assistant professor of biology

Jonathan Schramm
Assistant professor of sustainability and environmental education, Merry Lea Environmental Learning Center

Nayo Ulloa
Assistant professor of Spanish

ADMINISTRATIVE FACULTY AND STAFF

Tyson Baker
Events manager,
Office of Conferences and Events

Tabitha Berkey
Library services assistant, Good Library

Alexander Childers
Head baseball coach

Jack DeMaria
Custodial supervisor, Physical Plant

Gwen Gustafson-Zook
Minister of worship and church relations coordinator

Adela Hufford
Document management specialist, Information Technology Services Office

David Kempf '09
Audiovisual/IT systems specialist, Information Technology Services Office

Jameson Lingl
Coordinator of young alumni and phonathon, Development Office

Tatiana Markhel
Custodian, Physical Plant

Erin Milanese
Sciences librarian and instructional technology specialist, Good Library

Bruce Miller
Security officer

Jason Pollock
Web designer/developer,
Public Relations Office

Savino Rivera
Multicultural admission coordinator, Admissions Office

Maria Longoria Tice '02
Administrative assistant and volunteer coordinator, Merry Lea Environmental Learning Center

James Townsend
Vice president for enrollment management and marketing

Seth Unruh '09
Desktop architecture specialist, Information Technology Services Office

Katelyn Yoder '12
Assistant producer, FiveCore Media

Todd Yoder '84
Major gifts officer, Development Office

Marcia Yost
Executive director of the Music Center

PROMOTIONS

Jessica Baldanzi
To associate professor of English

Scott Barge '99
Director of assessment and institutional research, appointed to President's Council

Christie Bonfiglio
To associate professor of education

Kevin Gary
Tenure, *associate professor of education*

Rebecca Hernandez
To associate dean of intercultural development and educational partnerships, and appointed to President's Council

Joyce Hoffman '72
Tenure, *associate professor of nursing*

Randy Horst '83
Tenure and to professor of art

Scott Hochstetler '97
To associate professor of music

Bev Lapp '91
Tenure and to professor of music

Jewel Lehman
Tenure and to professor of physical education

Pat Lehman
Tenure and to professor of communication

David Lind '97
To associate professor of sociology

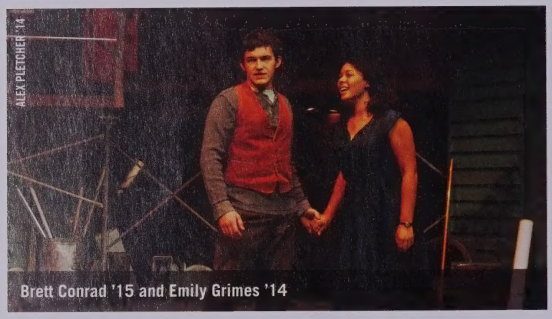
RETIRED

Bob Birkey '69 – Professor of social work, he retired after 37 years of teaching at GC. He served as program director for 18 years and led students on a SST Term to Belize.

Ken Pletcher '70 – Before working as a major gift officer for the past five years, he served for seven years as athletic director and for 10 years in other capacities.

COMEDY WITH A SERIOUS MESSAGE

What if in the near future the earth's water supply was nearly exhausted? That was the premise of the college's fall mainstage, "Urinetown, The Musical," which both made fun of musical comedy and made its audience think about "what if." Professor of Theater Doug Liechty Caskey '82 was the director, Associate Professor of Music Scott Hochstetler '97 was the music director and Assistant Professor of Music Christopher Fashun was the conductor. The cast included: Jay Mast, Anna Nafziger, Brett Conrad, Joel Kawira, Lauren Treiber, Emily Grimes, Jacob Greaser, Ben Ganger, Blake Shetler, Rachel Mast, Peter Meyer Reimer, Abby Bush, Stefan Baumgartner, Martin Flowers, Miranda Earnhart, Rhianna Cockrell, Melody Marshall, Sam Carlson, Paul Zehr, Hannah Beachy, Christina Hofer, Cara Paden, Adrienne Schmucker and Paul Zehr.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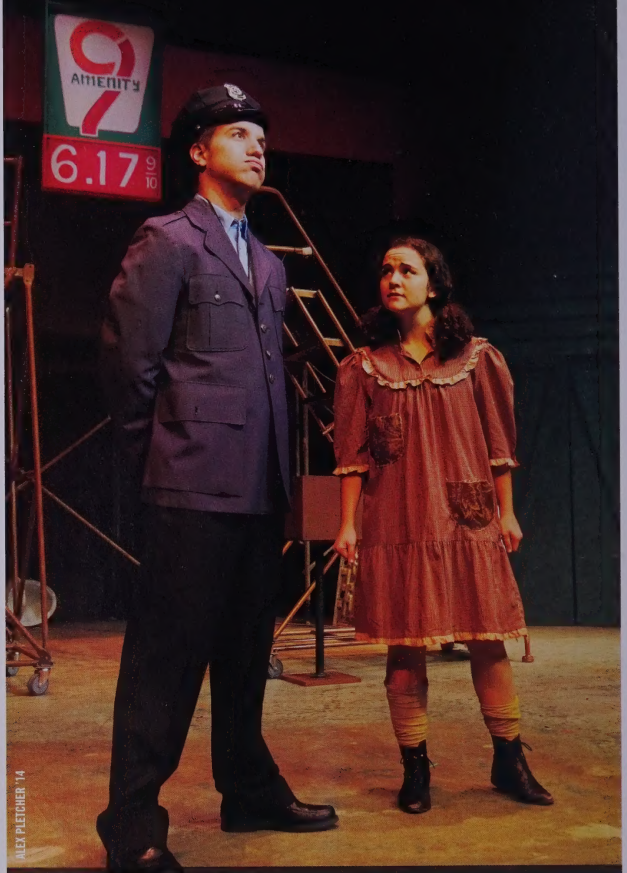
Brett Conrad '15 and Emily Grimes '14



ALEX PLETCHER '14

Jay Mast '12 and Anna Nafziger '16

ALEX PLETCHER '14

Assistant Professor of Music Christopher Fashun (*right*) and the Goshen College Symphony Orchestra

FALL CONCERT DELIGHTS AUDIENCE

The Goshen College Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Assistant Professor of Music Christopher Fashun, presented its fall concert in the Sauder Concert Hall on Nov. 2. The highlight was a performance of W.A. Mozart's Litaniae Lauretanae K. 109, featuring the Goshen College Chorale, directed by Associate Professor of Music Scott Hochstetler '97. The orchestra also performed Beethoven's Symphony No. 6 in F Major, Op. 68 ("Pastoral"), and works by Anatoly Lyandov and Franz von Suppé.

Maple Leafs SCOREBOARD

CROSS COUNTRY

The men finished 3rd and the women 8th at the Crossroads League Championships. The men's team had a program record four all-conference selections in senior Billy Funk (Gallup, N.M.) and sophomores Jordan Smeltzer (New Paris, Ind.), Daniel Zelaya (Goshen, Ind.) and Moses Kaelo (Narok, Kenya). Funk and Smeltzer qualified for the NAIA National Championships in Vancouver, Wash. Funk placed 176th and Smeltzer 229th. It was just the third time a pair of Maple Leaf men has ever run in the same national championship event.

VOLLEYBALL

16-22 (overall), 8-10 (CL)
Reached the semifinals of the Crossroads League Tournament for the second time in head coach Jim Routhier's four seasons. During the regular season, they defeated Taylor University for the first time since 1991. Sophomores Missy Mackowiak (North Liberty, Ind.) and Jaime Stack (Goshen, Ind.) and junior Stacy Wyse (Archbold, Ohio) were named to the all-conference team.

MEN'S SOCCER

6-9-2 (overall), 1-6-2 (CL)
Senior Daniel Martin (Salem, Ore.) was picked CoSIDA Academic All District 3, just the fourth Maple Leaf men's soccer player to earn the honor.

WOMEN'S SOCCER

5-13 (overall), 1-8 (CL)

MEN'S TENNIS

5-7 (overall), 3-5 (CL)
Senior Csaba Laszlo (Sopron, Hungary) earned a third-straight all-conference honor, finishing his career seventh all-time at Goshen with 39 singles victories, all coming at the No. 1 position.

WOMEN'S TENNIS

0-12 (overall), 0-8 (CL)

NOTES:

The Goshen College Athletic Department received 27 NAIA Scholar-Athlete Awards this fall, the most since 2009-10. Recipients have junior or senior academic status and a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.5.

The official website of the Maple Leafs, www.GoLeafs.net was recognized as the top outsourced website in the NAIA by NAIA-SIDA.

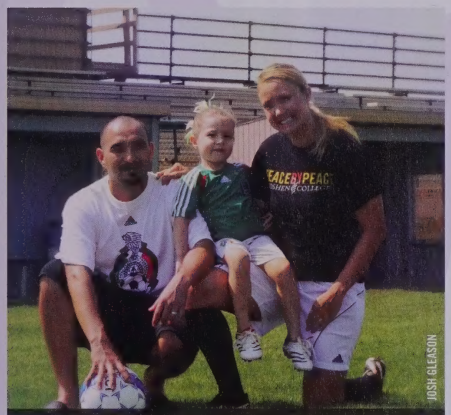
SOTOS FIND A COMFORTABLE HOME AT GOSHEN COLLEGE

For the first time in years, Carlos and Sara Soto feel completely at home. Having finished their final seasons as GC soccer players, the Sotos, who have a 4-year-old daughter, Natalia, are exactly where they want to be.

Still, the road to Goshen College has had many twists and turns, some good, others challenging.

While playing junior college soccer near her hometown of Susanville, Calif., Sara met Carlos, who had emigrated from Mexico when he was 14 and become an electrician. They fell in love, were married and began a family together. Sara left school to be a stay-at-home mom, but when the economy tanked, the Sotos found themselves at a crossroads.

"It got really hard financially when Carlos got laid off," Sara said. "We got a good offer to go back to school through an old coach. We thought, 'We need to do something.'" They ended up at Waldorf College in Forest City, Iowa, and played for Fabio dos Santos, who was coaching men and women.



Carlos '14, Natalia and Sara Soto '13

While driving to Iowa for preseason training in 2010, the Sotos were involved in an awful car crash. Their vehicle flipped several times and the force of the collision was so severe that it literally knocked the shoes right off their feet. Miraculously, they escaped with only minor injuries, but their car was wrecked. Fortunately, a hotel owner gave them free lodging and drove them to a car rental agency.

The Sotos attended Waldorf College and played soccer, but Forest City never felt like home. They missed California's diversity. So when Fabio dos Santos became the women's soccer coach at Goshen in 2011 (he has since resigned), the Sotos followed along and found a home. "We just say it was meant for us to end up back in Indiana," Carlos said. Sara added, "Everyone is so friendly and helpful here. We feel so comfortable."

Sara was team captain for the Maple Leafs in 2011 and 2012, started 23 times and was an anchor on Goshen's back line. Injuries, a new system, and a new coach contributed to just five appearances, but Carlos also used his experience to have a positive influence on his teammates. Meanwhile, Natalia thrived at the Campus Center for Young Children. "It's kind of a cool experience that we are all going to school together at the same place," Sara said.

Carlos is studying nursing and Sara is a semester away from graduating with an art major. "I've been in school for so long, so it's exciting," she said. "With what we have been through, I'm proud of myself for even making it this far."

– **Josh Gleason**, *Sports Information Director*

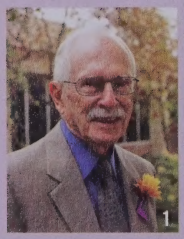
HOMECOMING WEEKEND

OCT. 5-7, 2012

Photos by Jodi H. Beyeler '00, Alysha Landis '11, Alex Pletcher '14 and Emily Trapp '13

2012 ALUMNI AWARDS

Five outstanding Goshen College alumni were honored for their longtime commitment to service during Homecoming Weekend 2012.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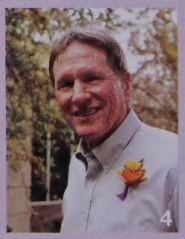
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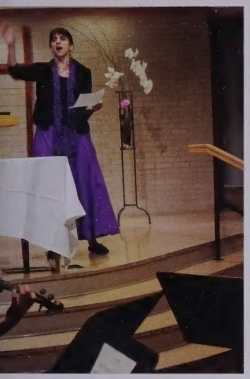
CULTURE FOR SERVICE AWARD

1. John Driver '50 of Goshen, Ind. – Prior to studying at Goshen College, Driver served in community development and as a pastor and church planter in Puerto Rico. After graduating from Goshen, he attended Mennonite Biblical Seminary and Perkins School of Theology at Methodist Union Seminary. In 1967, he began working as academic dean and professor of church history and New Testament at the Inter-Mennonite Seminary in Montevideo, Uruguay. He continued to do church-related work in Spain from 1974 until the early 1980s and later advocated for peace and for the poor in Latin America. Driver and his wife, Bonny, have retired in Goshen, though he continued to teach periodically in the Hispanic Ministries Program at Goshen College from 1994 to 2003.

2. Rebecca (Kreider) Pries '66 of Cambridge, Mass. – In 1976, Pries founded Adolescent Consultation Services, Inc., a nonprofit mental health and social services agency that she still leads as its executive director. She championed the agency's expansion to issues faced by court-involved children and families, such as trauma, substance abuse, behavioral disorders and immigration-related cultural issues. As a licensed mental health counselor, Pries oversees court-based mental health clinics that evaluate youth and links them with community services. She also helps to reconcile youth and their parents and advocates for funding to meet the mental health, social service and educational needs of these youth. She has a master's degree from Tufts University and a certificate of advanced graduate study from Boston University.



DECADE OF SERVANT LEADERSHIP AWARD

3. Grant Rissler '99 of Richmond, Va. – After graduating from Goshen College, he worked for six months at Mennonite Board of Missions and then spent two and a half years in Mennonite Voluntary Service, including a year at Mennonite Central Committee's (MCC) United Nations Liaison office, a year as an immigration paralegal in South Texas and a half-year traveling the United States and Canada by bus to report on Mennonite service programs. He has a master's degree in international relations from Johns Hopkins School for Advanced International Studies. He worked as communications director at the Faith and Politics Institute, where he helped organize the Congressional Civil Rights Pilgrimage. He also has held positions with MCC East Coast relating to peace and justice work, donor relations, MCC Relief Sales and MCC thrift shops.

DR. ROMAN GINGERICH CHAMPION OF CHARACTER AWARD

4. Keith Springer '69 of Fisher, Ill. – While studying mathematics and secondary education at Goshen College, he participated in baseball and basketball. In basketball, he set career-scoring records, finishing with 1,531 points from 1965 to 1969. He taught math and coached ninth grade boys' basketball at Concord Junior High School in Elkhart, Ind., from 1969 to 1971. Springer and his wife, Kathy (Newcomer) Springer '71, then served for two years at the American School of Brasilia in Brazil with the Mennonite Board of Missions as overseas mission associates. The Springers also have performed mission and volunteer work in Argentina and Israel. Since 1977, Springer has operated a cash grain farm with his brother.

DR. RUTH GUNDEN CHAMPION OF CHARACTER AWARD

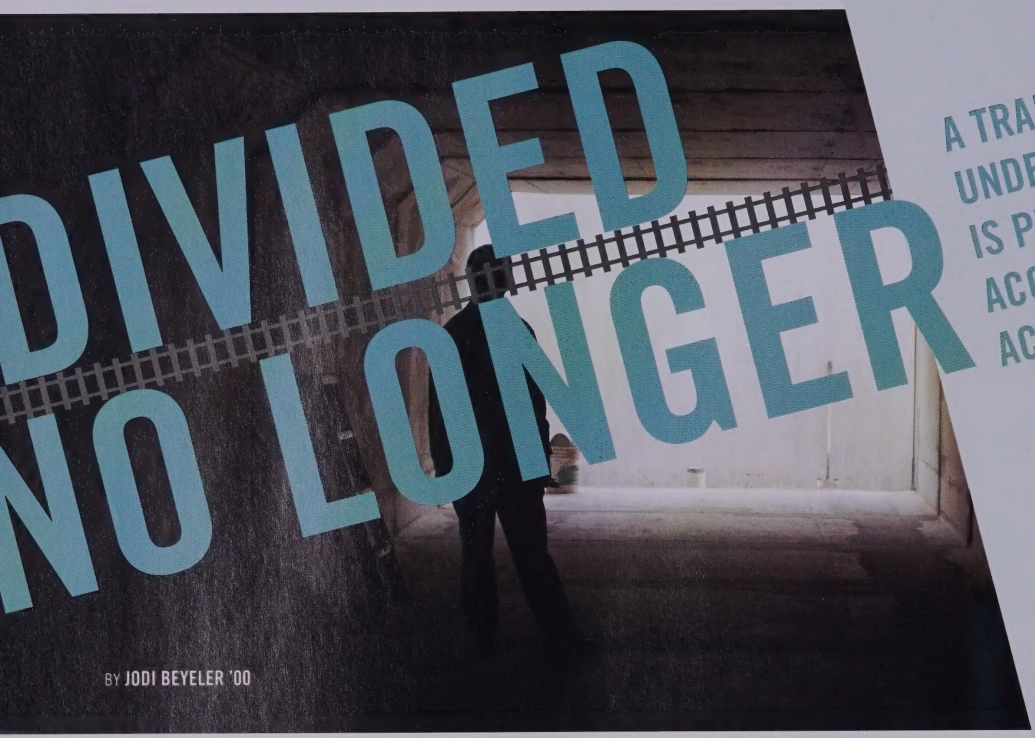
5. Sue Roth '66 of Stryker, Ohio. – She helped pioneer organized sports opportunities for women, striving to give them equal access in the athletic world. At Goshen College, Roth was a member of the Women's Athletic Association and participated in field hockey and softball. After graduating from Goshen, Roth taught physical education and coached in Middlebury, Ind., and Stryker, Ohio, before returning to the college from 1976 to 1999 to teach physical education and coach field hockey, volleyball and track and field. As Goshen's coach, Roth was named the Hoosier Conference for Women Coach of the Year in volleyball in 1985, 1988 and 1989. She also served as a commissioner with the Indiana Association for Intercollegiate Athletics for Women.

Visit www.goshen.edu/alumni/homecoming to see more photos from Homecoming 2012, including class reunion photos. Next year, Homecoming is Oct. 4-6, 2013.

DIVIDED NO LONGER

A TRAIN UNDERPASS IS PROVIDING ACCESS ACROSS CAMPUS

BY JODI BEYELER '00



JODI H. BEYELER

The new train underpass allows for safe passage under the train tracks.

Since relocating to Goshen in 1903 from Elkhart, a north-south railroad track has been part of Goshen College life. For 50 years, the rail line also has separated the main campus from most of the residence halls, sometimes serving as a source of frustration, safety concerns and nostalgia.

While some may wonder why leaders chose to locate the campus beside a track, train access was a significant reason the present location was chosen over more scenic spots in the woods by the Elkhart River or on the city's only hill. At that time, the tracks were part of an interurban line.

Local entrepreneurs added financial incentives to persuade the college to choose a site bordering their railway, and the college recognized the convenience of access to transportation. Students could easily board a train for downtown, travel to debate tournaments at other colleges, or send their laundry home to be returned, freshly washed and starched, several days later.

Still, there have also been downsides to having the college beside the track. Many students, past and present, can recall being awakened by the blast of train whistles and vibrations in the middle of the night or watching in frustration as a slow-moving (or stopped) train made them late to class, the dining hall, the Music Center or the Recreation-Fitness Center.

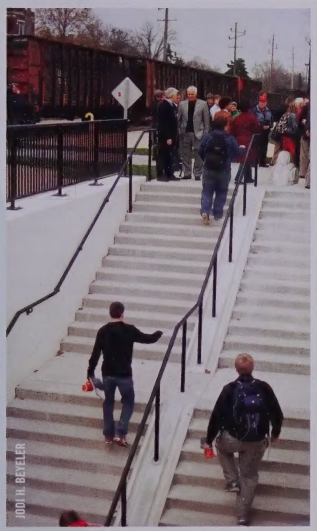
Though the train isn't going anywhere (nor its horn or vibrations), in November a significant shift occurred when an underpass for pedestrians and bicyclists was completed under the Norfolk Southern track after more than 10 years of planning and eight months of construction. Throughout the process, and especially on July 4, thousands of spectators observed the construction at the site or via a live webcam available on the college's website.

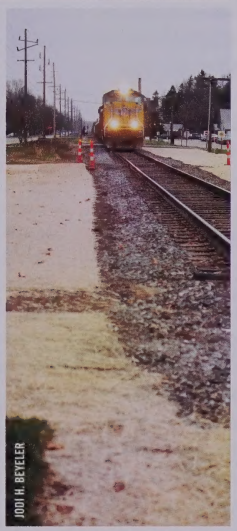
The 10-foot, lit tunnel allows persons on foot or on bike to cross campus even when one of the six to 10 daily trains is passing through (or stopped). Steps descend from the walkway between the Good Library and Umble Center to a tunnel and then up on the other side to the Kratz-Miller Residence Halls and Connector, with a "runnel" for bikes to use and a chair lift for disabled persons.

Besides eliminating an excuse for being late to class, a significant safety concern has been alleviated. Students (and others) no longer have to run and try and cross the tracks before a train arrives. And stopped trains no longer will tempt people to cross between train cars (despite clear written warnings posted and $100 fines for those caught).

A part of the campus culture is changing, but the train whistles at 2 a.m. will remain and keep students rooted to history.

Underpass construction on July 4, 2012.





Dedication of the new train underpass.

LEARN MORE

You can watch a time-lapse video of the underpass construction, view a photo album read a project blog at **www.goshen.edu/pr/underpass.**

A WELCOME ADDITION

The new pedestrian-bike tunnel under the Northern Southern track at Goshen College, formally known as the Winona Trail Bike and Pedestrian Underpass, was planned for 10 years by the college and the City of Goshen. Some highlights of the project:

PURPOSE:

GC students, faculty and staff are benefitting from a safety improvement along with community members who travel through campus on the Winona Bike Trail.

FUNDING:

The $1.8-million project was financed by a grant to the City of Goshen through the federal Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement program, and the college paid for the architectural, engineering and planning costs.

PRELIMINARY WORK:

There were about four months of preliminary and site preparation work because the passageway under the railroad had to be completed in a 24-hour period while the trains were not running – on July 4.

ON JULY 4TH – A 24-HOUR SPRINT:

After the main train passed through at 11:41 p.m. on July 3:

- Norfolk Southern staff removed the signal cabling and about 100 feet of rail and ties.
- All existing soil between the two approaches was removed to a depth about 18 feet below grade.
- Two drain lines were installed connecting sumps at the base of each approach.
- The hole was filled to about 14 feet below grade, compacted to ensure no settling would occur.
- After the exact elevation was determined and the surface prepared, seven large preformed sections of the underpass were installed connecting the two approaches.
- The remaining opening was filled and compacted up to grade.
- Norfolk Southern returned to add new ballast and reinstalled the track and signaling cable.
- Sometime after midnight on July 5, the first train crossed over the new underpass.

WORK AFTERWARD:

There was substantial work, including the construction of the stairways, installation of the wheel chair lifts, rerouting of the bicycle path and restoration of the site. The project was completed in early November.

DEDICATION:

Goshen Mayor Allan Kauffman '71 and Goshen College President Jim Brenneman '77 dedicated the underpass during a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Nov. 9.

TRAIN MEMORIES

ALUMNI RECALL NOISE, CLOSE CALLS AND PRANKS

RIDING THE RAILS BY AUTO

Back in the 1950s when I was a student at Goshen College, there were only a few freight trains per week using the tracks on the east side of campus. Late one afternoon, John Troyer '58, Warren Rhodes '59, Carrol Miller '59 and I were in Carrol's bright red Oldsmobile 98 convertible.

Carrol drove to the crossing at 14th Street, lined the car up on the tracks, took his hands off the wheel and accelerated north. Men working in the neighboring factories east of the tracks were on break and waved with astonishment as we rolled by. We continued for several blocks and then left the rails at a crossing street. It was the smoothest rail ride I have ever experienced!

– John King '57

SURPRISE TRAIN INTERRUPTED SLEEP

My first year at GC, 1950-1951, was the last year for Quadrangle (housing unit) usage. It also was the first time in my life that I lived so close to a railroad track. It seems that about every night as we were preparing for bed in our bunk cubicles, we could expect the noisy freight train to come whistling into town northbound, and right past our humble abode. There was really no reason to try to sleep until this earth-shaking event passed us by.

One of the upperclassmen remembered that the previous year the train hit a stray cow, which had wandered onto the tracks a half-mile or so south of campus. By the time the train came to a halt, it was immediately adjacent to the Quadrangle. Everyone rushed out to see the carcass of the poor animal still hanging on the engine's cowcatcher.

– Millard Osborne '54

COAL, ICE AND A CAB VISIT

I do have a rather unusual train memory. In the winter of 1958, I was a freshman in Coffman Hall. We had had a cold spell with considerable ice buildup across the tracks. As I understand it, we were running low on coal for the heating plant.

So sometime just after dark, a switch engine pushed in a coal car across the ice. When it stopped to unfasten the car, the engine's wheels broke through the ice covering and this imprisoned its wheels in the ice. Since electric motors controlled the wheels, they were not able to turn the wheels to free the engine; they had to wait for another engine to come to pull it out. It took hours for another engine to arrive. In the meantime, three or four of us climbed into the cab and visited with the engineers for a while.

– Harold Helmuth '63

A RISKY STAGED TRAIN PHOTO

Here's a picture we staged for the 1985 yearbook (*below*). We picked the theme "Tracks" to symbolize the literal campus train tracks and metaphorical tracks guiding our lives.

Darin Derstine '87 captured the shot using a telephoto lens, which compressed the distance making the train look much closer than it was. Grant Bixler '85 agreed to run for the shot. The train was blowing its horn the whole time!

I was the yearbook editor and Goshen College put me on the right track for the rest of my life.

– Eric King '85

LIFE IN A SHAKY AND NOISY TRAILER

We were married Sept. 1, 1951, and immediately set out for Goshen College, taking a few days at Lake Erie before arriving in Goshen. It was unusual to have married couples as freshman in those days, but we were assigned to live in the trailer along the railroad tracks next to the heating plant as I (Paul) was given the job to help with the plant.

We were told everything would be ready when we arrived, but it was not to be since the weeds were higher than the door and the place was a mess. We set out to clean it up and didn't realize the train would go through any time during the night. We soon learned we would need to live with this and put up with the noise and shaking of the trailer as it went by. We did survive the year, but we will never forget that experience.

– Paul and Jeanette Metzler '55

THE LONGEST TRAIN EVER

I applaud GC for building the underpass. My wife and I lived in the "married student housing" (trailer court on campus) with our three children in the mid 1980s.

Our son was three at the time and he found new freedom when he took possession of his new Big Wheel tricycle. He was faster on the Big Wheel than we could often walk as we had two other younger children in tow.

One day, he went far ahead of my wife on the sidewalk and crossed the tracks. Before she could get to him, a train came passing through separating her from our 3-year-old. She watched in near panic as he calmly sat on the other side of the tracks, on his Big Wheel, sucking his fingers and waiting on Mom. That had to be the longest train that ever went through campus.

– Gail Lamar Roth '86

A TRAIN WATCHER'S DELIGHT

A passionate train-watcher and rail fan, my love of heavy machinery went way back to growing up in Kidron, Ohio, and at Sonnenberg Station. In1948, I spent my first night in the old Quadrangle barracks and was awakened at four in the morning by a distant locomotive whistle. I quickly ran outside in the cold fall air and was rewarded with a four-car passenger train pulled by a NYC steam engine heading north toward Elkhart, a total surprise to me, not even aware that we were right beside the tracks!

In the years that followed, we could watch a small eight-wheel locomotive bring coal cars to the heating plant during chapel, so I made sure I got a seat way up at the top of the old chapel. For several years, I also worked in the heating plant and got to help unload the coal. Eventually steam gave way to diesels, but train watching continued. My twin brother Jim also got up that wonderful morning and we continue to share the love of trains.

– John Bixler '52

CROSSING BETWEEN CARS

I was a student at GC during the 1960s, graduating in 1969. Sometime during those years, I was one of the people that crossed between cars to get to my dorm.

It was night during the winter and we had waited probably an hour in the student Union and the train was not moving. A group of us crossed between the cars, safely I might add, to get to our dorm. All in the life of a Goshen College student. The renovation is a great improvement.

– Elaine Nussbaum Short '69

RECALLING THE WHISTLE PRANK

The problem with remembering train stories from GC is that some of us who were sophomores in 1967-68 can only paint these pictures in broad strokes and blurred detail.

One night, after the routine visit to Eyer's Restaurant for the 26-cent special (a huge pancake and a cup of coffee plus tax), "the boys" returned to campus to catch some ZZZ's before the summons of the "eight o'clock." As they idled past Coffman Hall,

they noticed a solitary locomotive on the nearby tracks, purring like a giant iron monster.

The 10-cent coffee was still perking and "the boys" were game for adventure. They parked the car and walked back for a guided tour of the engine. To their surprise, it was unmanned (or "unpersoned" in GC terminology). They boarded anyway and explored the behemoth from the inside. One of "the boys" discovered a cord suspended in an arc over the engineer's seat. A light came on – not on the engine, but in the collective minds of "the boys."

A volunteer was dispatched to Yoder Hall to get a coat hanger. By stretching it, a convenient connector was fashioned. One end was fastened to the engineer's instrument panel while the hook end projected upward toward the suspended cord. "The boys" readied for their escape. Once set, the ringleader pulled down the cord and hooked it through the hanger.

"The boys" were expelled from the train by the relentless blast of the train whistle and sent running back to Yoder Second where at least two of them immediately disrobed and, feigning slumber, stumbled out into the hallway for the inevitable appearance of the RA, Gerry Sieber '66, who was heading to the room of the most likely culprits. Their appearance of innocence protected them.

Before the whistle was silenced, the entire campus was roused. The next morning, the bleary-eyed coeds gathered as usual for breakfast, eight o'clocks or chapel, and to this day have not identified the delinquents – I think.

— Anonymous

PATHS TO PARAGUAY

WHY WE JOINED THE PEACE CORPS

BY ALLISON MARIE GOERTZ '06 & ISAIAH GOERTZ '06

YUTY, CAAZAPÁ, PARAGUAY – Like many Paraguayan couples, we like to share a wooden cup of mate, sipped through a traditional metal straw, as we prepare for the day. Later we will drink tereré, the chilled version of yerba mate, with neighbors and strangers alike. As two new Peace Corps Volunteers, taking part in these traditions helps us integrate into our new town.

Through each conversation over tereré, we are getting to know the community's strengths, desired changes and motivated leaders with whom we can partner. Only after these relationships are established can any sustainable development work begin. We see this grassroots model as one of the greatest strengths of the Peace Corps program and a major reason we chose to serve as volunteers.

But we don't mean to oversimplify the decision that led us to where we are today. It came about after years of watering the seeds planted both by people and experiences from our childhoods. It stems from unique motivations that first intertwined at Goshen College and culminated in our joining Peace Corps. We each have our own story to tell:

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Allison and Isaiah Goertz with friends in Paraguay.

ALLISON: My dad's hands drum the steering wheel in rhythm with Kenny Roger's "The Gambler." We're on our way to my first day of preschool in Kalona, Iowa, and we know all the words. We even have synchronized actions for the chorus. The sounds of the album are familiar and comfortable, just the way I like things.

All is right in the world until I'm dropped off at a building filled with classmates and teachers I've never met. I feel frozen in fear, refusing to lift my head to look anyone in the eyes. I hold out hope they won't notice me if I stand completely still until I get picked up and placed back into the life I know and love.

Then, from the corner of my downcast eye, I see them: dozens of puzzles I've never put together, a table to roll marbles through paint to create abstract masterpieces and other kids who like these things too! I leave that day ready for our next class, excited to see which items my new friends will bring to represent the Letter of the Day. Whether I realized it or not, that green carpeted room under the library and the people in it were squeezing their way into my circle of comfort, as would happen so many more times in my life.

ISAIAH: Dancing dolls and eerie masks pursue me throughout my youth, reappearing on a new wall whenever we move homes. Their exaggerated smiles carved into ancient wood give them a supernatural air. Their presence hints at the existence of a land of people and creatures wholly unknown to me – and it is exciting.

My father was in PAX service in the Congo from 1968 to 1970. Those two years produced a current that ran through his life. He returned not only with the masks but also with *Giphende*, one of the tribal languages that he and my mother used as a sort of code when we boys were around. We were certain to hear a grunt of *muthu tulenge* or *waya gale* if we misbehaved. Nothing pleased dad more, or bored his children more, than dragging out the projector to view his slides from Africa. Despite the dread of a long show, each image that flashed upon the screen contributed to an ever-growing sense of intrigue within me.

Although the situation in the Congo deteriorated in the intervening years, there was always something calling my father back. And finally, 30 years later, he returned to the country where he had

served as a PAX-man. He made the journey a final time with my brother six years after that. Even in death, his service in Africa was felt as he requested part of his memorial donated to Africa Inter-Mennonite Mission. The two years my father served overseas had profound and lasting effects on his life, and I knew I also wanted to experience something that powerful.

ALLISON: It was an easy choice to study at Goshen College after my high school graduation, but the decision meant saying goodbye to most of my friends. My new classmates hadn't experienced the awkwardness of junior high with me and didn't know what it meant to bleed black and gold like an Iowa Hawkeye. They didn't know me.

But over the next four years my circle did grow to encompass these strangers who are now among my closest friends – friends who shared less than 200 square feet with me in the dorms, attended campus concerts and bonfires and hymn sings, took road trips and crammed for tests with me. They were beside me as we listened to a guest speaker describe her work as an immigration lawyer, fighting for the rights of the unprotected. Together we heard many stories from elderly couples, a glimmer in their eyes as they reflected on their experiences as volunteers overseas, overwhelmed with hospitality from the community they were supposedly there to help.

ISAIAH: Study-Service Term in the Dominican Republic gave me my first exposure to what my father must have experienced in the Congo. I felt the warmth of a community completely outside my own accepting me into their homes as a son and a brother. Over those three months, I lived inside the culture and began to understand its nuances. It was satisfying to work alongside the Dominican men, rebuilding homes destroyed by Hurricane George. And as I bantered with them in my broken Spanish while laying the cinder blocks ever higher, I knew I'd come seeking this in some form again. What I didn't know is that one of my SST companions would become my wife, and together we would serve in Paraguay.

ALLISON: During those college years I began to see how GC's "Culture for Service" motto is far more than words on the cafeteria wall. It is who we are and what we do. We serve. We fight injustice, show love to our neighbors, and build bridges across the gaps of cultures, religions and boundary lines. We step over our own line of comfort to give comfort to another. We give up years of income to walk in someone else's shoes. And as much fun as I was having inside my own world, a part of me longed to expand my circle once again. The past had taught me that there was so much joy waiting for me just beyond my comfort zone, if only I had courage enough to take the first step.

I've always imagined my life painted with adventures like this stint in Paraguay. I just needed to choose a partner who could extend a steady hand of invitation, turning my curiosity to peek outside the lines into the actions needed to make it a reality. I found that in Isaiah.

As we learn to know the people of Paraguay, we feel confident we're where we should be. Each day brings the adventure of exploring a new culture and each day our lines of comfort are redrawn to encompass more.

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Isaiah and Allison Goertz enjoy their morning mate drink.

EDITOR'S NOTE: *Before joining the Peace Corps, Isaiah Goertz was the Web designer/developer for the GC Public Relations Office and Allison Marie (Brenneman) Goertz was an energy education specialist for Goshen Community Schools. We were intrigued by their decision to give up their jobs and home to serve others and asked them to explain their decision in this article for the* Bulletin. *Read more about their journey at* ***goertzes.wordpress.com****.*

A TRADITION OF SERVICE: GOSHEN COLLEGE AND THE PEACE CORPS

Goshen alumni have served as missionaries, volunteers and aid workers abroad since the earliest days of the college, many through such organizations as the Mennonite Central Committee, the Mennonite Mission Network and its predecessor and related agencies.

Many alumni also have volunteered through the Peace Corps, which was established in 1961 in response to a challenge to youth by then-Sen. John F. Kennedy to serve the country in the cause of peace by living and working in developing countries. Since then, more than 219,000 Peace Corps Volunteers have served in 139 host countries.

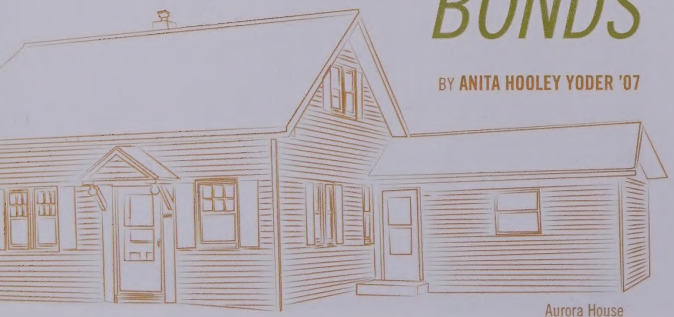
Since its first year, 67 Goshen College alumni have served in the Peace Corps. Before Allison and Isaiah Goertz, the most recent Peace Corps Volunteer was Bethany J. Winfrey '08, who served two years as a health education volunteer in Moldova.

STILL TOGETHER FOR THE JOURNEY

Goshen College graduates who gathered for a summer reunion included, *bottom row, left to right:* Matt Yoder, Anita Hooley Yoder, Angela Taylor and Laura Neufeld. *Top row:* Solomon Fenton-Miller, Kristi Bowman, Lauren Hall, Andrea Nussbaum, Amanda Beachy, Ben Yoder, David Glick and Amanda Entz.

FORMER AURORA AND AVON HOUSEMATES RENEW THEIR BONDS

BY **ANITA HOOLEY YODER '07**



Aurora House

We came from all over: Cleveland, Colorado Springs, Goshen, Moundridge (Kan.), Seattle, State College (Pa.) and Tucson. We met in Washington, Iowa – the place two of our group now call home.

There were 12 of us. Almost all of us had lived in Avon or Aurora house, side by side on College Avenue in Goshen. For most of us, that had been our senior year. We made up a house of five men and a house of eight women, running back and forth to share cookies, play pranks or join a card game. We were only missing three of our group: one who had family commitments, one who was expecting his first child and one (Jeffrey M. Bauman) who had died, on Feb. 26, 2011.

Jeff's funeral was the last time most of us had seen each other. I think it was that gathering that provided the impetus for this one, although we had certainly talked about a "reunion" even while we were still living together!

Although we did not talk about Jeff much, there were hints of him throughout our long-awaited weekend gathering. When we got out the trusty Taboo game we had spent so many nights playing in the residence hall Connector, we were all set to start before realizing there was no timer. Oh, we remembered, we had never used one. Jeff had always kept time on his stopwatch.

A hymn sing was a must for the weekend, since we had so often sung hymns together (yes, we were nerds, and Mennonites) during our college years. This weekend we sang on the screened-in porch of the building at the camp where we stayed, the crickets adding to our songs. When we dissolved into laughter at a horribly missed note or some hopelessly outdated lyrics, we remembered that it was Jeff who would keep us together, keep singing – smiling with us,

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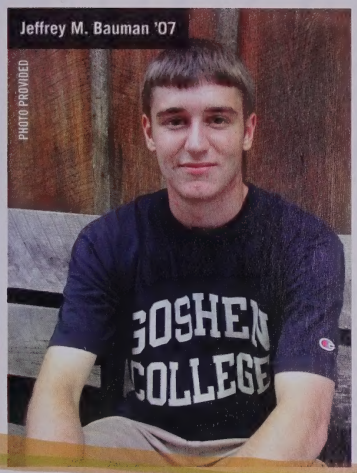

Jeffrey M. Bauman '07

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Avon House

but unwilling to sacrifice the song. That night, I could almost hear his voice soaring out when the tenors took the melody in "We Shall Walk through the Valley in Peace."

Although we didn't say so, the weekend was a monument to Jeff, and a monument to each other, to the way our college experiences have shaped the people we have become. Two of us (Laura Neufeld and Amanda Beachy) are pastors, with another (myself) in seminary. Certainly our decisions to follow this track were at least partially spurred on by the late night and middle of the afternoon theological conversations we had in the Aurora living room or at the Avon kitchen table. (Justin Heinzekehr, also part of our group but not at the reunion, has also recently finished a seminary degree.)

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Many of us took GC's "Culture of Service" motto to heart, body and soul, and did voluntary service after graduating. In fact, Kristine Bowman, David Glick and Matthew J. Yoder found long-term jobs at their V.S. placement sites, while Amanda Entz's service has taken her to LCC International University (formerly Lithuania Christian Fund College).

Others have recently finished master's programs building on the undergraduate work they did at Goshen: Lauren Hall in nursing and public health and Solomon Fenton-Miller in music composition. And others are using the skills and certificates developed at Goshen (and beyond) for work in the "real world": Andrea Nussbaum in elementary teaching, Angela Taylor in ASL interpreting, and Benjamin L. Yoder in engineering. (Nathan Horner, another member of our group not able to come, works at a computer consulting business.)

Being in the same place again was wonderful. We spent parts of three days together in a big building at Crooked Creek Christian Camp. It was almost strange how normal it felt, after five years, to be living together again – to see each other in the morning, to sprawl out over each other on couches, to slide sarcastic comments into the conversation, to eat each other's wonderful cooking, to bump into each other in the kitchen.

Our college years together were not perfect, of course. Like any group of people who live close together, we had drama and disagreement. But this weekend we remembered the good times: pre-May term camping trips, game nights that sometimes lasted until 6 a.m., escapades at the dam, excursions to Chicago, hymn sings in the stairwell and learning to live into who we were becoming.

Five years later, we all still have a lot of becoming to do. But it's good to know that we also still have one another with us on that journey.

Anita Hooley Yoder graduated in 2007 with an English major. She lives in Cleveland Heights, Ohio.

HELPING FORMER AMISH REALIZE THEIR *DREAMS*

NAOMI KRAMER '12 IS AIDING THOSE FROM A SIMILAR BACKGROUND

This copyright image of Naomi Sue Kramer was taken when she was 18 and still living "Amish," with her parents and six brothers and sisters in Jamesport, Mo. It was taken by Robin Bowman and appeared in her book *IT'S COMPLICATED: The American Teenager* (Umbrage, 2007). Learn more at: www.theamericanteenager.com.

BY **ALYSHA LANDIS '11**
AND **BRIAN YODER SCHLABACH '07**

What happens when a needy student cannot get financial aid to attend college? Like other students of Amish descent, Naomi Kramer '12 faced that dilemma because her parents did not support her decision to attend college.

After five years of sacrifice and struggle, Kramer has achieved her dream. Now she is trying to help others by co-founding the Amish Descendant Scholarship Fund, which aids former Amish people who want to go to college. Kramer started the fund along with three other former Amish: her cousin, Emma Miller, who has a bachelor's degree in economics from San Diego State University; William Troyer, who is studying at the University of Akron; and Saloma Furlong, who graduated from Smith College and is the author of the memoir, "Why I Left the Amish."

"Not only can the parents not help pay for school fees, in many cases the student cannot live at home with the parents or get any financial help since the parents are not supportive of them getting their education," said Miller, who left her Amish family in Missouri when she was 16 and now is working on a master's degree in economics and finance at London Metropolitan University. "So they're paying for their tuition and completely supporting themselves at the same time."

In addition, most students of Amish descent cannot receive federal aid because in order to qualify, students must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), which requires a parent's signature if the student is younger than 24. "My decision to leave the Amish and go to college was obviously not what my parents had wished for me and I did not want to disrespect them by asking them to fill out the FAFSA," Miller said. "So for the first three years, I did not get any financial help."

The same was true for Kramer, who grew up in Jamesport, Mo., and started working when she was 13, first in a bakery then taking care of a garden at a boarding school. "As I approached 19, I had a feeling of discontent," she said. "The next stop for me was to get married and settle down, but I wanted to see the world. I felt called to do something more."

Kramer left home, moved to Sarasota, Fla., began working in a nursing home and studied for the GED test. It was while working as a nurse's aid that she realized she wanted to be a nurse. "I had a non-responsive patient I was working with, and one day I decided to take the patient's hand and began singing to her. I think it was 'What a Friend We Have in Jesus,'" said Kramer. "The patient began crying and I

knew that she could hear and feel what I was doing."

Kramer said it took a while to adjust after leaving her Amish community. "I still wore a head covering to bed for a while, since we were taught growing up that Jesus could come to you at any time, even at night," she said. Eventually, she came to enjoy things like driving a car and using a cell phone.

Although Kramer has maintained a good relationship with her parents and six siblings (two of whom also have left the Amish way of life), they disagree on the value of higher education. That issue divides other Amish children who want to pursue an education, said Goshen College Professor of History Steve Nolt '90, an expert on the Amish.

"Amish parents would typically say that eight grades of normal schooling is all one needs to live a successful and contented Amish life. Amish people would say that your most important education doesn't happen in school, but that education is broader than that," Nolt said. For the Amish, having an apprenticeship or working on a farm or in a family business is far more important.

"There are also issues with the fact that higher education in general stresses critical thinking, creative thought and individual expression, and those are all values that run counter to the predominant Amish values of cooperation, humility, community, separation and obedience," said Nolt. "So high schools and colleges are schooling people in values that are quite different from the predominant Amish cultural values."

Kramer agreed, "The Amish mindset is that further education leads to jobs of the world, leading you astray of the simple life."

So when Kramer and Miller decided to go to college, it meant leaving their community and everything they knew. Since they chose to leave before being baptized into the Amish church, they are still able to maintain contact with their families. In contrast, Nolt explained, those who join the church through baptism and then decide to leave are excommunicated and shunned.

Those who leave the church before baptism often receive financial support, although the amount varies based on relationships within families and whether the parents have a conservative or progressive outlook, said Nolt.

In her case, Kramer began her higher education at a community college in Florida. After a year, she decided to seek a college that would be a better cultural fit – one near an Amish community. Eventually, she learned about Goshen College through an online search and enrolled in 2008.

"Financially it was hard. I always struggled to work hard during the summer and the school year and I put what I earned toward college," Kramer said. She also received some grants and took out loans her last two years. And a few people also made contributions to support her education.

Among those who helped was Esther Kern '67, who was raised in an Old Order Amish family. After completing high school, she worked as a nanny in Goshen, where she met Isabelle Chapman, the sister of Harold Schrock, one of Goshen College's most generous donors.

Chapman was fascinated by Kern's story, and one day asked Kern what she wanted to do with her life. Kern said that she wanted to be a nurse. Since all of the money that Kern earned went to her parents, and they didn't approve of higher education, Kern said that she had no way of paying for nursing school. Chapman encouraged Kern to apply to the Goshen College nursing program, and provided financial support each semester.

Naomi Kramer at her 2012 GC graduation.

When she graduated, Kern approached Chapman about repaying her debt. "She said, 'You don't owe me a cent. You are doing a service to your fellow man. I'm too old to do that, but I have the money to help you do it.' It was such an incredible gift."

In October 2010, Kern met Kramer and decided to pay forward Chapman's generosity. "I'm 70 years old, and I feel as though I'm still honoring the gift Isabelle gave to me," Kern said.

Kramer said her commencement was an amazing day, because her entire family attended. "I never knew when I started I would have that day – graduation."

She now works as a medical surgical nurse at Memorial Hospital of South Bend and is happy to be putting her education to use. "It feels like a really good accomplishment. Amish women are raised to be nurturing. It was rooted in me that my role should be as a housewife and mother. I've really liked that I've been able to [be nurturing] in my career."

SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The *Amish Descendant Scholarship Fund* seeks to provide financial assistance and support to those from an Amish background who are seeking a college education. Two scholarships, for $1,000 each, were awarded in October.

To contribute, mail checks to: ADS Fund, c/o Mennonite Foundation, 1110 North Main St., P.O. Box 607, Goshen, IN 46527-0607. Checks should be made out to the Mennonite Foundation, and ADS Fund should be included in the memo section of the check.

You can learn more at: **www.amishscholarship.com**.

ALUMNI CROSSINGS

Kelli Burkholder King '77
Director of Alumni Relations

THE IMPORTANCE OF THE MUNDANE

During January and February, the Goshen College Alumni Board chooses the year's Culture for Service and Decade of Servant Leadership award recipients. Three to four are chosen from a list of alumni who were nominated during the previous year. It is a difficult task to choose from among the excellent nominees. So many outstanding GC alumni, all "servant leaders," are worthy of this award and the Alumni Board would be honored to present awards to all of them.

During Homecoming Weekend in October, we heard from this year's recipients – John Driver, Rebecca Pries and Grant Rissler – who spoke about relationships they formed at GC and how their lives were influenced by their college years.

Grant's remarks about service reflect what many of you are doing, but may not be recognized for, in your service or work. Grant said, "Service forces us to step into the unknown, to be vulnerable, to be part of the world where there are often few clear answers. Service requires us to step into relationship with others, to be fully present, the sacrament, you might say, of showing up."

Grant reminds us that showing up, serving less visibly, serving in the routine, everyday world matters. Serving may take the form of providing a meal or a listening ear to a neighbor, serving as a Sunday school teacher, volunteering in public schools, being on a nonprofit board or soothing a crying child. He points out that service requires the giving of significant time in our rapid-flow and "too busy" lives. Grant encourages us to learn to "carve out time, show up, and stay vulnerable and committed to a journey, most days mundane, some days magnificent, toward God's Kingdom."

So, here's my "shout out" to you, all of our alumni and friends, for the quiet, routine everyday service you are committed to. All of you, usually without award or fanfare, are working toward God's Kingdom.

Wishing you peace and hope for this New Year, and for all of the holy mundaneness to come!

ALYSHA LANDIS '11

NEW, CONTINUING BOARD MEMBERS READY TO SERVE ALMA MATER

The following are your representatives on the Alumni Executive Board for 2012-2013. **Front row, left to right:** Dominique Burgunder-Johnson '06, Washington, D.C.; Kay Riest '84, South Bend, Ind.; Shannon Unzicker '91, Benson, Ill.; Barbara Weirich '78, Harrisonburg, Va. **Middle row:** Peter Eash-Scott '99, Newton, Kan.; Jacob Geyer '11, Goshen, Ind.; Laurie Fulle-Rychener '83, Colorado Springs, Colo.; and John Gingerich '67, Hubbard, Or. **Top row:** Tim Blaum '10, Goshen, Ind.; Keith Gerber '69, Sarasota, Fla.; and Ruth Brenneman '87, Wellman, Iowa. **Not pictured:** John Kaufmann '66, Okemos, Mich.; Charity Grimes '10, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Ashe Abebe '07, Indianapolis, Ind.; and Heiki-Lara Nyce '89, Telford, Pa.

DATE SET FOR 2013 HOMECOMING

Homecoming 2013 is scheduled for Oct. 4-6, so please put the date on your calendar. We look forward to seeing you back at this spot in Indiana where the leafy Maple grows.

CONNECT WITH US AT ALUMNI EVENTS

We encourage alumni to build strong ties with each other and to the college by engaging in our programs, services and activities. Visit **www.goshen.edu/alumni/** for opportunities to connect through events in your area, which are updated as events are planned.

ALUMNI NEWS

SEND YOUR NEWS AND PHOTOS (births, deaths, marriages, job changes, service assignments, achievements, etc.) to **alumni@goshen.edu** or Goshen College Alumni Office, 1700 S. Main St., Goshen, IN 46526.

We look forward to hearing from you!

LOG ON to **www.goshen.edu/alumni** to read more news about alumni.

1930-39

NOTE

Paul A. Kaufman '37, West Liberty, Ohio, turned 99 on Oct. 3, 2012. He teaches Sunday school once a month and "complains that his golf game is a little 'off.'"

DEATHS

Lucille Wyse Crossgrove '35, Archbold, Ohio, died Sept. 24, 2012.

Russell Lehman '38, Elkhart, Ind., died Nov. 1, 2012.

Irma Leinbach Shank '38, Goshen, died Aug. 2, 2012.

Bernice Schrock Yoder '32, Hesston, Kan., died Aug. 30, 2012.

1940-49

NOTES

D. Edward Diener '43, Sarasota, Fla., is retired.

D. Paul Miller '47, Normal, Ill., won six gold medals in the Illinois Senior Olympics in September 2012.

DEATHS

Gladys Blosser Brandeberry '41, Goshen, died June 15, 2012.

Ruth Inbody Bullis '41, Goshen, died Sept. 23, 2012.

Genevieve Casida Cochley '48, wife of Edward D. Cochley, 221 Ross Ave., Wabash, IN 46992, died July 17, 2012.

Gerald "Bud" Cook, husband of **Avanelle Perry Cook '46**, 24369 Elmhurst Drive, Elkhart, IN 46517, died June 27, 2012.

Donald E. Ebersole '41, Sterling, Ill., died July 15, 2012. His wife Marjorie E. Ebersole, died April 10, 2012.

Peter G. Fast '49, husband of **Genevieve Bohler Fast '50**, 700 Maple Crest Court, #E003, Bluffton, OH 45817, died Aug. 9, 2012.

Florence Roth Gerig '45, wife of Benjamin Gerig, 700 N. Main St., Fl. 1, Eureka, IL 61530, died July 10, 2012.

Robert B. Hess '43, husband of Martha Hoffer Hess, P.O. Box 147, Terre Hill, PA 17581, died July 14, 2012.

Galen I. Johns '43, husband of **Areta Graber Lehman '44**, 611 Gra-Roy Drive, Goshen, IN 46526, died Aug. 5, 2012.

Maxine Kauffman '48, Goshen, died Oct. 11, 2012.

Genevieve Warner Lehman '42, Indianapolis, Ind., died Aug. 5, 2012.

John Z. Martin '47, husband of June Hager Martin, 3643 Orchard Way, Powell, OH 43065, died April 1, 2012.

Pauline Liechty Schrock '40, Orrville, Ohio, died Aug. 29, 2012.

Ronald C. Sharp '43, Syracuse, Ind., died June 6, 2012.

Ruth Harder Slagell '49, wife of Chester Slagell, R.R.2, Box 50A, Weatherford, OK 73096, died April 20, 2012.

1950-59

NOTES

Goldie Severn Boese '53, Oskaloosa, Iowa, keeps active with church activities, Gideons and senior exercises at the "Y." Her latest venture is teaching piano to a 7-year-old neighbor girl, at Grandma's request and expense!

James Christophel '54 and **Mary Martin Christophel '57**, Goshen, live at Greencroft.

Ervin A. Graber '53 and his wife Beulah, Constantine, Mich., celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary Sept. 7, 2012. They have two daughters and a son, six grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

C. LaMar Holaway '54, Wakarusa, Ind., retired in August 2011 after teaching choral music for 55 years. **Barbara Thut Holaway '55** retired in 1993 after teaching kindergarten for 30 years.

John C. King '55 and Edith Birky King, Goshen, Ind., celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary Aug. 15, 2012.

Emily Workman Lantz '55, Prairie Village, Kan., volunteers at the Community Mediation Center in Independence, Mo.

Harold Metzler '52 and Peggy Metzler celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in 2012. They recently moved from Martinsburg, Pa., to Goshen.

A. Eugene Miller '59 and **Myrtle Stoltzfus Miller '61** moved from their 20 acres in the country to half an acre on the edge of Missoula, Mont., in 2011. They keep active by hiking, gardening and attending classes, musicals and lectures at the nearby university.

Angel Luis Miranda '58 and **Lora Esch Miranda '59**, Goshen, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary July 21, 2012.

H. Royce Saltzman '50, Eugene, Ore., was one of 25 international choral leaders invited to Beijing for a world choral summit, hosted jointly by the Chinese Choral Association and the International Federation for Choral Music. The summit was held in conjunction with the 11th China International Choral Festival, to which Saltzman has been a guest on three previous occasions.

W. Dale Stutzman '56 and **Ethel Miller Stutzman '47**, Goshen, celebrated 64 years of marriage in June 2012. They have lived at Greencroft for six years and are enjoying retirement.

William A. Ulery '59 and **Sherril Sanders Ulery '61**, Independence, Ore., celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary June 22, 2012.

Christian Wickey '59 and Anita Wickey, Engadine, Mich., observed their 61st wedding anniversary June 23, 2012.

Kathryn Gregory Yoder '53, Minot, N.D., shared her home with her daughter Carol and her family for a year while they rebuilt their home after the flood of 2011.

Joyce Gingerich Zuercher '58, Hesston, Kan., published a book, *Honey Bread and Milk*, about her paternal grandparents Amos and Nannie Yoder Gingerich.

DEATHS

Miriam Weaver Beachy '55, Goshen, died Oct. 24, 2012.

Roberta Madlem Berkey, wife of **Russell L. Berkey '51**, 2920 Cason St., Lafayette, IN 47904, died Aug. 25, 2012.

Vernon H. Buller '50, husband of Roxy Buller, 1201 W. 4th St., Apt. 129, Tahlequah, OK 74464, died Aug. 26, 2012.

Freeman Christner, husband of **Arlene Hartzler Christner '55**, 1228 Greencroft Drive, Goshen, IN 46526, died Aug. 4, 2012.

Theodore Cline '50, husband of Hannah Cline, 39905 Via Scena Unit 219, Palm Desert, Calif., died Sept. 23, 2012.

Elsie Cressman '53, New Hamburg, Ontario, Canada, died Sept. 11, 2012.

Leta Oyer Eichelberger '50, Larkspur, Colo., died May 9, 2012.

Lois Histand Nofziger Gilbert '55, Hagerstown, Md., died March 30, 2012.

Ross Goldfus, husband of **Ruth Snyder Goldfus '54**, 2221 Town Square N., Manheim, PA 17545, died Aug. 13, 2012.

Evelyn Scarff Graber '59, Elkhart, Ind., died Aug. 4, 2012.

David L. Haarer '55, Goshen, died Sept. 25, 2012.

Verle E. Headings '58, husband of **Vivian Amstutz Headings '59**, 178 Tupelo Lane, Harpers Ferry, WV 25425, died April 27, 2012.

Herbert J. Hoover '52, husband of Evelyn Oberholser Hoover, 31 Hoke Ave., Lebanon, PA 17042, died June 25, 2012.

Evelyn Hostetler Kauffman '50, wife of Frank Kauffman, 1410 Pembroke Circle, Goshen, IN 46526, died July 4, 2012.

James W. Lambright, husband of **Virginia Pletcher Lambright '58**, 737 E. Northshore Drive, Syracuse, IN 46567, died Oct. 17, 2012.

Vera Troyer McDonald '52, wife of Thomas McDonald, 5640 Rand Blvd., Sarasota, FL 34238, died June 5, 2012.

Delmar L. Miller '58, wife of **Donna Kauffman Miller '66**, 2803 Goldfinch Loop S.E., Albany, OR 97322, died June 17, 2012.

Lois Frey Miller '51, Goshen, died June 27, 2012.

F. Alice Zehr Newcomer '58, Goshen, died Sept. 2, 2012.

Nancy Jo Brubaker Smith '51, wife of Donald P. Smith, 2262 Old Hollow Road, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055, died Aug. 3, 2012.

Donald M. Snapp '52, husband of Faire Stucky Snapp, 439 Lafayette, Denver, CO 80218, died July 24, 2012.

Willis M. Stoesz '52, husband of Dolores Stoesz, 2180 Bayard Ave., Saint Paul, MN 44116, died May 2, 2012.

Hiram Strickler, husband of **Betty Shue Strickler '52**, 7169 Saddle Creek Circle, Sarasota, FL 34241, died April 29, 2012.

Jennie Reisinger Stutzman, wife of **Richard W. Stutzman '50**, 11677 Follett Road, Corry, PA 16407, died Nov. 20, 2011.

Melvin G. Sweigart '58, husband of **Gladys Stoltzfus Sweigart '49**, 433 S. Kintzer Ave., Apt. 269 GE, New Holland, PA 17557, died June 10, 2012.

Arlie Hershberger Weaver '50, wife of **Stanley Weaver '48**, 6540 W. Butler Drive, Unit #77, Glendale, AZ 85302, died May 19, 2012.

Clyde J. Yoder '51, Oceanside, Calif., died July 11, 2012.

1960-69

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Tom and **Jeannette Sprunger Bechtel '63** moved to Greencroft Goshen in October 2012.

Jacqueline Tschabold Bhuyan '66, Westminster, Colo., and 2012 Grammy winner David Darling released "Improvisations for Cello and Piano," a two-CD set of beautiful, lyrical, relaxing music using the elements and styles of New Age and the classical music traditions recorded live on Feb. 6-7, 2012 at Immersive Studios, Boulder, Colo. More information can be found on their websites: www.foreverrubato.com and www.daviddarling.com.

Inez Miller Edwards '68, Roanoke, Ill., is retired from teaching and works part time as a librarian and gifted art teacher.

Helen Liechty Glick '69 plans to retire on Dec. 31, 2012, as co-manager of the MCC thrift shop in Millersburg, Ohio. **Bruce Glick '64** continues to volunteer at the thrift shop.

Ken Graber '69 and Martha June Graber, Harrisonburg, Va., are retired and have volunteered with Mennonite Disaster Service for 50 weeks over the last five years.

Dan Haarer '62 and Twyla Kauffman Haarer, Goshen, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary June 9, 2012.

Virgil Hershberger '65 and **Margaret Beachy Hershberger '65**, Fairview, Mich., were introduced to China's history and culture in the fall of 2012 as they visited their son and his wife in Shanghai for a month. His three-year stint there as treasurer of Ford Motor Company for the Asia Pacific and Africa region afforded them this unique opportunity.

Dorothea Dyck Honn '66, Waukesha, Wis., continues to be actively involved in two professions of nursing and chaplaincy, specifically as minister of congregational care at a Methodist church and precepting senior nursing students in community health and chaplaincy at the local hospital.

Ruth R. Stieglitz Hooley '60, Lone Tree, Colo., moved from teaching at the University of Colorado to a private practice in psychology.

Jeannette Eby Hostetler '62, West Liberty, Ohio, is retired but works one day a week at Oakhill Medical Assocation, where she opened their lab in January 1966.

Jep Hostetler '62 and **Joyce Metzler Hostetler '62**, Goshen, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on June 9, 2012.

Jane Oswald Lambert '66, Salina, Kan., a certified mediator, works with nonprofits on communication and conflict resolution styles, mentors and coaches young women and developed a course, "Find Your Passion."

Christopher Leuz '60 and **Lois Gross Leuz '61**, completed a one-year GO! assignment with Eastern Mennonite Missions in Halle, Germany, in June 2012.

Raymond S. Martin '66, McLean, Va., was recently honored with the 2012 Lifetime Achievement Award from the 1,500-member American Public Health Association.

Lois W. Barkey Miller '62 moved from Sarasota, Fla., to Harrisonburg, Va., to be near her daughters.

Susan Miller '69, Hesston, Kan., was featured in *timbrel* magazine, the publication of Mennonite Women USA in the March/April 2012 issue.

Ron Milne '67 (faculty '76-09) and **Sally Jo Miller Milne '67 (faculty '84-09)**, Goshen, returned at the end of May 2012 from Uganda, where they served as interim country representatives for Mennonite Central Committee for 15 months.

Lorraine Murphy '64, Sarasota, Fla., a lyric soprano, was one of the soloists on two international choral tours, one to Spain in May and the second to Ireland and Scotland in July.

Carl R. Newcomer '65, West Liberty, Ohio, is semi-retired. He works two days a week at his social work counseling practice. During the school year, his wife **Elaine Bachman Newcomer '64** manages Bethel Mennonite Church's Homework Help Program for students who are referred by their teachers.

Bob Smith '61 retired after 40 years of teaching and coaching and is enjoying life on the beach in Emerald Isle, N.C.

Linda Yost Spohn '67, Mount Airy, Md., continues as a church organist and also teaches ESL classes in Frederick, Md.

Rebecca Tyson '69, Elkhart, Ind., is a lay minister at Belmont Mennonite Church and facilitator for a spiritual direction group.

Jan van Donk '64 and Carol van Donk moved to Virginia Mennonite Retirement Community in Harrisonburg, Va., after living in Ohio for 22 years.

Michael L. Yoder '69, Orange City, Iowa, after retiring in 2011, accepted a one-semester interim teaching position in sociology at Westmont College in California.

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ROBERT BRUNK '63 BIDDING FAREWELL TO THE AUCTION HOUSE

How does an activist become an auctioneer? For Robert Brunk '63, who gave up the gavel and retired this year, the journey from being a community organizer to an auctioneer has taken many twists and turns.

After Brunk graduated from Goshen College, he attended the University of Michigan and became aware of a need for social change. He began working in Asheville, N.C., for the Office of Economic Development in three segregated housing projects, helping tenants resolve issues and organizing youth activities and Head Start programs.

When his position was eliminated less than two years later, Brunk began a short teaching career as a professor of sociology and anthropology at the University of North Carolina Asheville. He had a no-nonsense teaching method; when called on, a student could either say: "I'm prepared for class but lost," "I'm not prepared" or "I'm bored… and leaving." He applied this rule to himself, and would leave mid-class if he felt that he couldn't get his students to reach their potential.

Since Brunk did not hold a postgraduate degree, he left the world of teaching and spent the next decade as a woodworker and sculptor. Because of his anthropology background and passion for beautiful handicrafts, he decided to enter the world of auctioneering. In 1983, Brunk Auctions was born.

Brunk's was one of the first auction houses to provide a written program with descriptions of the goods for sale. He later began providing a full-color catalog to buyers, and now items are listed online for the more than 15,000 regular buyers from around the world. What started as a passion 30 years ago has grown into an internationally recognized auction house specializing in paintings, furniture, silver, jewelry, folk art, rugs and myriad other antiques and fine art.

When Brunk recently retired, he passed the business to his son, Andrew, who is a formally trained antiques expert and grew up watching his father in his element. And while Brunk is officially retired, he still plans to take the stage and call bids now and then as president emeritus of Brunk Auctions.

–Brian Yoder Schlabach '07

DEATHS

William J. Arnold, husband of **Anna Dennis Arnold '62**, 1494 Lumley Stand Road, Manchester, TN 37355, died Oct. 5, 2012.

Willis G. Fields '64, LaGrange, Ind., died Sept. 2, 2012.

Raymond A. Hoover '64, husband of **Lura Sherman Hoover '64**, 1574 Redbud Court, Goshen, IN 46526, died Aug. 17, 2012.

Dennis H. Johnson '64, husband of Betty Ricks Johnson, 18727 County Road O, Alvordton, OH 43501, died Oct. 13, 2011.

Dennis D. Kauffman '68, husband of Judith Georges, 470 S. 16th St., San Jose, CA 95112, died July 14, 2012.

Loretta Epp Kaufman '68, wife of **S. Roy Kaufman '66**, P.O. Box 58, Freeman, SD 57029, died Oct. 13, 2012.

Yvonne Ritenour Klotz, wife of **Wayne D. Klotz '68**, 28733 C.R. 52, Nappanee, IN 46550, died Sept. 15, 2012.

Ronald G. Koppenhaver '66, husband of Rachel Osborne Koppenhaver, 907 McCollum Road, El Dorado, KS 67042, died Jan. 30, 2012.

Betty Defrees Lorenz '68 (faculty '74-78, '80-84), wife of Charles Lorenz, 303 E. Lawrence St., Middlebury, IN 46540, died June 12, 2012.

Virgil L. Miller '63, husband of Mary Ann Zook Miller, 22494 County Road B, Archbold, OH 43502, died July 19, 2012.

Ruth Springer Rogers '60, wife of Richard Rodgers, 3283 S. Niagara St., Denver, CO 80224, died June 13, 2012.

Peter G. Sawatzky '65, Vineland, Ontario, Canada, died July 4, 2012.

Frank Scotti, husband of **Marilyn Zuercher Scotti '62**, 7911 Wainstead Drive, Parma, OH 44129-4838, died March 20, 2012.

J. Harlan Sizemore '63, husband of Joan Weybright Sizemore, P.O. Box 434, New Paris, IN 46553-0434, died Sept. 30, 2011.

Allan B. Speigel, husband of **Frances J. Hassencahl '64**, 3925 North Road, Chesapeake, VA 23321, died April 27, 2012.

Carl D. Unzicker '65, husband of **Arleta Miller Unzicker '54**, 1213 Camden Court, Goshen, IN 46526, died May 25, 2012.

Theodore R. Walter '60, husband of **Arlene Peifer Walter '62**, N207-103 Duncan Ave. W., Penticton, BC V2A 2Y3, died June 15, 2012.

1970-74

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Ana Soto Bishop '71, New York City, N.Y., serves on the board of directors of the NYC financial district Lions Club and continues working part time as a consultant in the field of educational technology for language learning. Her husband is also semi-retired and they split their time between New York City and Miami Beach, Fla.

Stephen M. Glick '74, Goshen, is a regulatory affairs specialist in medical research at Indiana University Health Goshen Center for Cancer Care.

Scott R. Graybill '74, Bremen, Ind., retired after 22 years as president and CEO of the Community Hospital of Bremen.

Carol Canal King '74, Warsaw, Ind., teaches French and English at Lakeland Christian Academy in Winona Lake. She also teaches Life Calling for Indiana Wesleyan University and Effective Writing for Grace College.

Larry G. Nafziger '70, Nappanee, Ind., retired in June 2012 after serving WaNee Community Schools for 42 years. He was an elementary principal for 33 years, serving as principal of Wakarusa Elementary School since 1992.

Loretta Yoder Ostojic '73, Lacine, Quebec, Canada, teaches English to French-speaking people for companies in Montreal.

Myra Nafziger Oswald '70, Goshen, received an award for excellence from the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners. She is a certified diabetic educator and has practiced with Dr. E. Larry Knight at the Elkhart Clinic since 1995, specializing in endocrinology.

Roy (Rocko) Smucker '73, Asheville, N.C., after 37 years of teaching, retired in 2010. For the last two years he has provided classroom programs integrating music with reading and math literacy. He received a grant from the Asheville City Schools Foundation to expand K-STEMM in the kindergarten grades at Hall Fletcher Elementary. Piloted last year, K-STEMM identifies minority kindergarten students with academically gifted-talented potential and provides them with accelerated classes integrating science, technology, engineering, math and music.

The 30-year-old dissertation (University of Chicago) of **Sem Sutter '70**, Washington, D.C., on religious toleration in Friedrichstadt, Germany, in the 17th century has been translated into German and published by the local historical society. He and his translator spoke at a book event in October in the former synagogue, now a memorial and cultural site.

David Weldy '72, Monclova, Ohio, was promoted to associate professor of family medicine/sports medicine and kinesiology at the University of Toledo on July 1, 2012.

DEATH

Robert L. Hurst '70, husband of **Susan Hess Hurst '68**, 598 W. Broad St., New Holland, PA 17557, died July 6, 2012.

1975-79

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Marcia Green Brothers '78, Elkhart, Ind., continues as director of residential educational services at Bashor Children's Home, Goshen.

Polly Burkholder Fravel '76, Harrisonburg, Va., retired in 2008 after 32 years of teaching elementary music in Harrisonburg City Schools. She was elected to a four-year term on the Harrisonburg School Board in 2010.

Douglas E. Gaff '75 and **Rebecca Peterson Gaff '75**, Rolling Prairie, Ind., retired in May 2012 after teaching 37 years at New Prairie Middle School, New Carlisle, Ind.

Carl Haarer '79, Swampscott, Mass., continues to work at WBZ radio in Boston, where he's been a reporter for 20 years.

Rick Kremer '75 and his wife Jane Carroll, West Lebanon, N.H., returned to Cambridge, Mass., in April to join with the Mennonite Congregation of Boston as they celebrated their 50th anniversary.

Alice Weber Lapp '76 and **John A. Lapp (faculty '72-86)** live at Waterford Crossing in Goshen.

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Ron Kraybill '76 (*left*) shakes the hand of Desmond Tutu (*right*) during election negotiations in Lesotho.

RON KRAYBILL '76 IS MAKING PEACE IN AFRICA

Ron Kraybill '76 can finally cross off meeting Archbishop Desmond Tutu from his bucket list. Kraybill, who is a peace and development adviser for the United Nations, has been working to negotiate peaceful elections in Lesotho since November 2009.

Last year, Kraybill assisted in a mediation process led by the Lesotho Heads of Churches, working with the gridlocked parliament to negotiate an electoral agreement among the political parties to pursue free and fair elections. "I worked directly with the Prime Minister, Deputy Prime Minister, and leaders of the opposition at points, all under the aegis of the Heads of Churches," Kraybill said.

Since gaining independence from Britain in 1966, Lesotho has been politically volatile, experiencing guerilla warfare, coups, assassinations and rioting in several cities that sometimes required outside military intervention.

Enter Kraybill and the Lesotho Heads of Churches. Their mediation led to Lesotho's first free, fair and peaceful election since independence in 1966. They even won the support of Archbishop Desmond Tutu, who visited to oversee the signing of the political pledge committing to respect the laws and accept the outcome of the election.

Archbishop Tutu's visit and the pledge signing marked a turning point in the election process. "Followers of some of these leaders were throwing rocks at each other a few days earlier, but the atmosphere now was relaxed and jovial," he said.

"My number one priority at the UN is advising and supporting the Heads of Churches, so this event was one of the most rewarding of my career," Kraybill said. He now continues in a follow-up role, with a goal to support unity and stability under the new coalition government and to facilitate the establishment of National Peace Architecture.

His involvements abroad in the past 20 years have included: providing mediation training in several African countries; setting up a peace building program in Hyderabad, India; three two-week trips to Burma to assist an emerging peace building effort; consultation and training for peace builders involved in the Naga conflict in Northeast India; training political and civil society actors in the Sri Lankan conflict; and advising and training a group convened by the UNDP to assist peaceful elections in Guyana.

Kraybill credits his experience at Goshen College for the direction of his life. "My years at GC were formative in putting a career in peacemaking on the map for me," he said. "We were nearing the end of the peace movement in the '70s, but at GC a conviction came through to me that we believed in more than being 'antiwar.' We were called to live toward a new way of being in all of life, grounded not just in politics, but also in spirituality and community. That conviction gave me the next steps on a path I still pursue."

– Brian Yoder Schlabach '07

Rita Kennel Lopienski '78, Bartlett, Ill., was awarded Willowbrook High School's Distinguished Alumni Award, in recognition of outstanding accomplishments. Rita is community life director at Plymouth Place Senior Living in LaGrange Park and president of Arts in Bartlett, founder and director of the Bartlett International Chorus and founder of Bartlett Adult Theater.

John A. Lowe '79, Valley Village, Calif., is a playwright and IT consultant for JALowePlays.

Jane Miller '75, Goshen, was ordained for her work as chaplain and spiritual director at Walnut Hill Mennonite Church on May 20, 2012.

Kathy Gnagey Short '75, Tucson, Ariz., was recently elected vice-president elect of the National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE). She teaches in the language, reading and culture program at the University of Arizona and works with graduate teaching assistants on a children's literature course that is taken by preservice teachers in elementary and early childhood education. She was also recently named to the Caldecott Medal selection committee for 2014, an honor reserved for the top children's literature experts from around the world.

John Tiessen '78 and Elisabeth Tiessen, Elk Grove Village, Ill., celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary in 2012 with their four children, friends and relatives.

Don Tyson '79, Harrisonburg, Va., successfully defended his doctoral dissertation at George Mason University on April 20, 2012. The title of his dissertation was: "The Experience of African Students Studying Nursing in the United States in Relation to Their Use of Critical Thinking." He continues to teach both undergraduate and graduate nursing classes at Eastern Mennonite University.

Janice R. Wenger '75 moved from Goshen to Pittsboro, N.C., when she retired after 27 years in general practice dentistry.

DEATHS

Wallace Borchelt, husband of **Reta Scheele Borchelt '76**, 5356 N. 700 E., Churubusco, IN 46723, died June 28, 2012.

Rebecca Beachy Felton '76, wife of Jon Felton, 942 Camp Trail Road, Quakertown, PA 18951, died Nov. 2, 2012.

1980-84

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Stan Bontrager '80 was named executive director of Wilderness Wind, a Boundary Waters Mennonite camp based in Ely, Minn., effective Nov. 1, 2012.

Donna Perlich Crow '81, Saint Joe, Ind., has worked 25 years for a hospital-owned physician's practice.

Steve Good '83, Sugar Grove, Ill., was recently appointed as pastor of Channahon (Ill.) United Methodist Church. He had served as pastor at Sugar Grove UMC for 18 years.

Beth Graybill '83, Lancaster, Pa., is director of Franklin & Marshall College's Alice Drum Women's Center. She is also adjunct assistant professor of women's and gender studies.

Jon O. Nafziger '84, Crozet, Va., is director of donor relations and programs at Charlottesville Area Community Foundation.

Rebecca Lederach Rittgers '83 and Ellen E. Chen, Maplewood, N.J., were married in New York City on May 24, 2012. Their daughter Sarah, 15, joined them in the celebration.

Joetta Handrich Schlabach '80 is pastor of Faith Mennonite Church, Minneapolis, Minn., and **Gerald Schlabach '79** is professor of theology at the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, where he also directs the Justice and Peace Studies Program. He was awarded the university's service learning award in spring 2012 for a course he teaches in Guatemala.

Dale Stoltzfus '84, Lititz, Pa., recently retired after 13 years as boys soccer coach at Warwick High School and was honored at the third annual alumni soccer game in August. During his 13 years at Warwick, Stoltzfus led the Warriors to a PIAA state title, two district crowns, and a Lancaster-Lebanon League title with many years of post season play.

Mandy Miller Yoder '80, Sturgis, Mich., joined the Amigo Centre staff as adult program director in May 2012. She will be working with current adult programming as well as developing new adult programming possibilities that will serve conference congregations and the broader church. Mandy will also continue her current work in admission/enrollment at Goshen College for the next year.

DEATHS

Marvin D. Hostetler '81, husband of Donnita Payne Hostetler, 1300 15th St., West Des Moines, IA 50265, died Aug. 8, 2012.

Sharon Yoder Lehman '82, wife of Bruce Lehman, 1303 Arcadia Ave., Sarasota, FL 34232, died Sept. 1, 2012.

1985-89

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Sheila Yoder Baer '87, Villa Ridge, Mo., was a recipient of $10,000 in the GLEE Give a Note contest. She and one of her fifth grade music classes created a video to enter the contest and they were one of the second place winners. Sheila and her principal traveled to Joplin, Mo., and gave the money to help an elementary school that was destroyed in a tornado.

Phil Bontrager '87, Berrien Springs, Mich., was licensed for his work as transitional pastor at Fairview (Mich.) Mennonite Church on May 27, 2012.

Kay Bontrager-Singer '85, Goshen, graduated May 26 with a master of divinity degree from Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary. She continues as pastor of Faith Menonite Church.

Wendy M. Brunner '87, Minneapolis, Minn., received a Ph.D. in epidemiology from the University of Minnesota School of Public Health in October 2011. She continues to serve as epidemiologist for the Minnesota Department of Health Asthma Program.

Kelly Lerner '85, Spokane, Wash., is co-author of *Natural Remodeling for the Not-So-Green House* (Natural Home & Garden). Lerner and co-author Carol Venolia, both architects, take readers through a step-by-step process to evaluate dwellings, surroundings and lifestyles, and then show readers how to bring homes into harmony with nature.

Monica Denney Markel '88, San Antonio, Texas, graduated from the University of Texas Health Science Center San Antonio in May 2012. She works

Khadar Bashir-Ali '85 (*standing*) trains teachers in Mogadishu, Somalia.

KHADAR BASHIR-ALI '85 PROVIDING EDUCATION IN SOMALIA

Khadar Bashir-Ali '85 is bringing education back to Somalia.

Conflict and civil war have plagued Somalia for decades. In recent years, drought and famine have added to the crisis, ultimately leaving much of the country, and the education system, in disarray. In November, a new government was formed, and Bashir-Ali was appointed to the Education Ministry.

Bashir-Ali is the education sector coordination expert for Somalia. She oversees all education projects and activities in Somalia and advises the government on how to develop the education system in the country. "I basically act as a liaison between international donors, nongovernmental organizations and the government," she said. "I also look for more opportunities to improve the access and quality of education in Somalia by contacting nontraditional donors and other organizations."

There are many challenges providing education in a country with a new and fragile government. Bashir-Ali points out three main factors that hinder education in Somalia are access to education, quality of education and equity of resources. "Not many children have access to education," she said. "There is not a quality education system, in terms of qualified teachers, safe and secure environments, teaching and learning material. There is no equity in education in terms of serving the various communities: rural, urban, pastoralist and girls."

The United Nations estimates that Somalia has more than 1.5 million internally displaced people, making it very difficult to maintain a functional education system.

Previously, Bashir-Ali managed the Somali Interactive Radio Instruction Program (SIRIP) through the Education Development Center, which is based in the United States. Since 2005, SIRIP has provided free educational programming via radio and supplemental materials for children in schools across Somalia, focusing on grades 1-5.

A native of Mogadishu, Somalia, Bashir-Ali came to Goshen College in 1981 to study French. She says her experience at Goshen College helped shape her future work. "While I was student, I learned about the notion of being of service to our fellow human beings," she said. "I felt welcome, a part of a family, and received a sound education that prepared me to make a living and be of service to my people."

– Brian Yoder Schlabach '07

full time in the adult psychiatric ICU at Methodist Specialty and Transplant Hospital and in the flex pool at Clarity Child Guidance Center, a pediatric hospital for mental health.

T. Douglas Mast '87 and Astrid Otey, Cincinnati, Ohio, were married in July 2011. Doug is associate professor and chair in the biomedical engineering program at the University of Cincinnati.

Amy Miller '89, Newton Highlands, Mass., went to Japan to volunteer as a relief worker after the earthquake and tsunami on March 11. She writes, "My travels to Japan continue as my professional career and continuing volunteer work unfold in new and exciting ways, I'm seeing a new Japan emerge." Her blog address is: thenewjapan.blogspot.com/

Karla Yoder Minter '85, New Paris, Ind., graduated May 26 with a master of arts in Christian formation degree from Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary. She is seeking ways to engage congregations and individuals in the biblical story, Christian faith formation and spiritual guidance.

Jeff Peachey '88, New York City, N.Y., is a book conservator, independent scholar and toolmaker. For more than 20 years, he has specialized in the conservation of books and paper artifacts for institutions and individuals in the New York City region and nationally, as the owner of a studio for the conservation of books. He is the inventor of the Peachey Board Slotting Machine, which is used in conservation labs around the world.

Stanley Pletcher '86, Berrien Springs, Mich., an ophthalmologist, and his family recently returned from two years in Ecuador where he helped start an eye clinic.

1990-94

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Chad Brubaker '93 and Dawn Zuckerman, Pittsburgh, Pa., were married Sept. 20, 2012. Chad is the manager of Bradley's Books.

Smith Fleurantin '94, Tamarac, Fla., is assistant vice president and IT director at Capital Bank S.A.

H. Martin Hartmann '92 and Andrea Hartmann, Kabwe, Zambia, celebrated the birth of Yannik on Sept. 7, 2012. He joins Dominik, 4. Since 2008, Martin has worked as project manager for Bocca Schools – Open Christian Community School.

Carlo R. Hershberger '93 and Patricia Hershberger, Edinburg, Texas, celebrated the birth of David Michael on June 15, 2012. He joins Analia, 5, and Eleni, 3. Carlo is vice president of finance for IDEA Public Schools, with 38 K-12th grade charter schools in south and central Texas educating 12,500 students.

Ingrid Hess '90, Rochester, N.Y., wrote and illustrated a children's book, *An Amish Alphabet* (Herald Press, Sept. 2012).

David Maugel '92, Wakarusa, Ind., is in his seventh year as principal of NorthWood High School, Nappanee.

Brian L.K. Miller '93 and **Tonya Kauffman Miller '95**, Jamaica Plain, Mass., celebrated the birth of

MARK SCHLONEGER '92 ENCOURAGES ELECTION DAY COMMUNION

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Four years ago, a small seed was planted in Mark Schloneger. The ever-increasing tension of the 2008 presidential election was beginning to take its toll on his spirit, and he began to imagine a way to instead re-focus on God.

"I sensed a need both in myself and in others to remember where we as Christians place our hope," he said. "We are so easily captivated by the passions of political parties rather than the passion of Jesus. Communion is how Christians remember Christ's passion and our participation in it."

The seed took root. At the time, Schloneger '92 was pastor at Springdale Mennonite Church in Waynesboro, Va., where he organized the first Election Day Communion service on Nov. 4, 2008. It was a positive experience and he wanted to share it.

The idea lay dormant for a while, but last summer, Schloneger accepted a pastoral position at North Goshen Mennonite Church. During his transition, he began to actualize his dreams of growing Election Day Communion beyond his own congregation. With help from Kevin Gasser, a pastor at Staunton Mennonite Church in Virginia, and a lay Episcopalian leader in Michigan named Ben Irwin, he created a website with resources for congregations who wanted to participate in the Election Day Communion Campaign.

As the 2012 presidential election drew closer, the idea gained momentum and spread via social media and word of mouth, and stories about it were featured in the Huffington Post, *The Boston Globe*, *The Christian Century* and dozens of other news outlets across the country. Schloneger's post on CNN.com's Belief Blog before the election garnered thousands of views and comments.

"Gathering for communion on Election Day seems fitting, for the practice of communion is an inherently political act. It is both a pledge of allegiance to Jesus and a declaration of independence from all other powers making claims on our bodies, minds and souls," Schloneger wrote for the CNN.com Belief Blog.

On election night, nearly 900 churches, schools and organizations from all 50 states and Washington. D.C., shared the bread and cup. So, now that the seed has bloomed, what's next for Election Day Communion? "I simply don't know," he says.

"From the feedback that I've received, I know that churches will continue to have communion services on Election Day in the future whether there is a movement for it or not."

– Brian Yoder Schlabach '07

Sydney Lynn on May 21, 2012. She joins Tenley, 2.

James P. Miller '93, Sarasota, Fla., is the owner of JMX International, which was recognized as one of the top 1,000 Internet retail companies in the USA by Internet Retailer magazine. JMX was also named to the Gulf Coast Business Review's Gulf Coast 500, one of the top 500 companies in Florida's Gulf Coast region.

Lenae Nofziger '94, Kirkland, Wash., an English professor, is up for tenure at Northwest University.

Lisa Bohnert Rose '93 and Paul Rose, Lombard, Ill., celebrated the birth of Olivia Joy on March 13, 2012. She joins Elias, 3.

Sofia Samatar '94, Madison, Wis., a fantasy writer, poet and critic, is a Ph.D. student in African languages and literature. Her debut novel, *A Stranger in Olondria*, is forthcoming from Small Beer Press in 2013.

Matthew Smucker '94, Seattle, Wash., designs theater sets and teaches scenic design at Cornish College of the Arts.

DEATHS

Andrea Allen, wife of **Matthew Smucker '94**, 4053 N.E. 109th St., Seattle, WA 98125-7933, died Nov. 15, 2012.

Michael Delagrange, husband of **Christi Voorhis Delagrange '92**, 10631 E 180 S., Greentown, IN 46936, died March 20, 2012.

Thomas E. Elliott '92, husband of Linda Martin, 62757 Planeville Ave., Goshen, IN 46528, died Sept. 2, 2012.

1995-99

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David Araujo '95, Goshen, was installed as pastor at El Buen Pastor Mennonite Church on Aug. 26, 2012.

Chad M. Bauman '95 and **Jodi Mullet Bauman '96**, Whitestown, Ind., celebrated the birth of Nadya Sonali on March 23, 2012. She joins Annika, 5.

Alison Charbeneau Bryant '98 and Rich Bryant, Belmont, N.H., celebrated the birth of Joseph Cole on April 2, 2012.

Erika Janzen '99, Kaneohe, Hawaii, graduated from Loma Linda University with a master's degree in business administration in healthcare in June 2012.

Jennifer Lantz Kauffman '99 and Nathan S. Kauffman, Omaha, Neb., celebrated the birth of Calvin Scott on May 4, 2012. He joins Logan, 6, Emma, 4, and Leia, 2.

Jesse Hostetter Kropf '98, Portland, Ore., finished his residency in emergency medicine in June 2012. He now works as an emergency physican in an emergency department in the metro area. **Marla Hostetter Kropf '98** works as a nurse practitioner in a primary care office.

Steven P. Miller '99 and **Clarissa Gaff '00**, St. Louis, Mo., celebrated the birth of Greta Peterson Miller on March 12, 2012.

Jill Liechty Replogle '99 and Todd Replogle, Elkhart, Ind., celebrated the birth of Brynn Marie on June 7, 2012.

Steve D. Schrock '97 and **Kimberly Stuckey-Schrock '95**, both family physicians, recently moved to Goshen. Steve is employed at Syracuse Family Practice and Kimberly is employed at Lincoln Avenue Family Practice, Goshen.

Jonathon B. Short '98 and **Angela White Short '01**, Chicago, Ill., celebrated the birth of Davis Reid on Feb. 28, 2012. He joins Bennett, 3.

Michelle Weaver '99, Denver, Colo., received a master of science in nursing degree and adult nurse practitioner license from the University of Colorado in 2009. She works in geriatrics at Senior Care of Colorado/Inpatient Consultants.

Rebecca Wenger Weaver '95 and Roger Weaver, Lititz, Pa., celebrated the birth of Colin Michael on March 6, 2012.

2000-04

CORRECTION

The correct name of **Bethany Blough Simpson '04** and John Simpson's son is Shane Ronald Blough Simpson. He was born on Jan. 5, 2012, and joined Ian, 3. Our apologies for not including his first name in the last issue of the *Bulletin*.

NOTES

Kaleab Abebe '03 and **Alyssa Beck Abebe '03**, Pittsburgh, Pa., celebrated the birth of Noah Kaleab on Aug. 14, 2012. He joins Hannah, 2. Kaleab is assistant professor of medicine, biostatistics and clinical and translational science statistician in the Center for Research on Health Care Data at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine.

Rebecca Allen '04, Portland, Ore., was a member of the July 2012 Christian Peacemaker Teams delegation to Colombia. She spent two weeks learning about women's experiences – as victims and survivors – in Colombia's internal conflict. The delegation met with more than a dozen grassroots leaders in the region of Magdalena Medio and celebrated the 40th anniversary of the Organizacíon Feminina Popular (Grassroots Women's Organization).

Jennifer Gunden Barnhart '03 and Craig Barnhart, Indianapolis, Ind., celebrated the birth of Miles Thomas on July 3, 2012.

Ben Beachy '04 is research director at Public Citizen's Global Trade Watch in Washington, D.C.

Jennifer Gingerich '02, Goshen, graduated May 26 with a master of divinity degree with a concentration in pastoral care and counseling from Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary. She is serving as interim pastor of pastoral care and spiritual formation at Assembly Mennonite Church, Goshen.

Janna Hunter-Bowman '00, South Bend, Ind., graduated May 26 with a master of arts peace studies degree from Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary. She is a Ph.D. student in peace studies and theology at the University of Notre Dame through the Kroc Institute for International Peace.

Michael Jessie '01 and **Kelly Windler Jessie '03**, Fowler, Ind., celebrated the birth of Emma Grace on Nov. 4, 2011. She joins Aiden, 6, and Owen, 3.

Gaurav Khandelwal '01, Houston, Texas, is president of ChaiONE.

Alyssa Kreider '02 and William Sunderland, Seattle, Wash., celebrated the birth of Gareth Robert on May 23, 2012. He joins Yuri, 2.

HEIDI SIEMENS-RHODES '96

HOW TO SAY THE FINAL 'GOODBYE'

Heidi Siemens-Rhodes '96 and her husband Mitch '96 pose with their three boys – Theo, 9, Ira, 2, and Adam, 6 – soon after she was diagnosed with incurable metastic melanoma cancer.

Maybe because her short life took her around the globe several times – from Jerusalem and Bangkok as a child to France and Japan as a young adult – Heidi Siemens-Rhodes '96 knew a thing or two about saying "hello" and "goodbye."

Or maybe it was because she had to say early goodbyes to her father Mark in 2005 and to her newborn daughter Willa in 2008 who had Trisomy 18 and lived only minutes.

But in late September 2011, at the age of 37, Heidi faced the ultimate test of her faith: how to respond to news of having incurable metastic melanoma cancer, and how to die well.

This loving mother of three young boys – Theo, 9, Adam, 6, and Ira, 2 – wife to her college sweetheart Mitch Siemens-Rhodes '96, and pastor for just three years at Assembly Mennonite Church in Goshen, wasted no time. She took trips to visit relatives, friends and places she loved – including in a wheelchair on the Lake Michigan shore just days before she died. She welcomed her mother Jan to move in with her family. She continued attending and being deeply involved in her church, even preaching on Easter Sunday. She read books and recorded her favorite stories for her boys to enjoy later. She deeply loved her sons and husband.

And for the nine months, she wrote her final sermon for the world to read in the form of 90-plus CaringBridge blog posts (www.caringbridge.org/visit/heidisiemensrhodes) with her "aching, clear-eyed observations of her diagnosis and life with cancer," as her brother Brad Siemens '99 said at her funeral.

"At a time when we could find no words, Heidi filled the void. … Heidi gave us words – words of lament, words of anger, words of reassurance, words of faith," said Karl Shelly, her pastoral colleague, during her funeral. "Heidi weaved for us the sacred text of a modern-day psalm."

Her local and global communities of support absorbed her every word and every lesson of faith in the face of the deepest loss. By the time she died, there were more than 100,000 visits to her blog and 2,100 comments left.

"She didn't shy away from showing up and talking about it," said Shelly in an article for Mennonite World Review. "It gave us all permission to enter this conversation together. She was literally dying in front of us for nine months. … She wanted to die as our pastor. And she did."

On Sunday, June 24, 2012 – her 38th birthday – her family serenaded her with "Happy Birthday"; she received communion; her congregation stood outside her window singing hymns. And then, surrounded by her family, Heidi said her final "goodbye."

– Jodi H. Beyeler '00

Laura Litwiller '01, Northampton, Mass., and Mark Tenekjian were married Aug. 11, 2012. Laura is assistant director for career advising and assistant dean of students at Amherst College.

Jim Neff '00, Goshen, is director of the Greencroft Communities Foundation.

Alicia Miller Perez '02, Houston, Texas, works at a private immigration firm, Garza and Associates.

Matt Pflederer '01 was licensed toward ordination and installed for his role as co-pastor at Paoli (Ind.) Mennonite Church on June 24, 2012.

Emily C. Rodgers '03, Pittsburgh, Pa., completed a master of arts degree in literature and cultural studies at Carnegie Mellon University in May 2012. She is now an adjunct professor at Robert Morris University and Community College of Allegheny County.

Marcus Schlegel '03, Goshen, graduated May 26 with a master of divinity degree with a concentration in theological studies from Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary. He started as pastor at Hyde Park Mennonite Fellowship, Boise, Idaho, on Oct. 1, 2012.

Amanda Schmidt '03, Goshen, is a medical doctor with Goshen Family Physicians.

Jessica Schrock-Ringenberg '04, Bryan, Ohio, graduated May 26 with a master of divinity degree with a concentration in theological studies from Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary.

Jeremy Shenk '02, Roxbury, Mass., has been co-director of Community Labor United since 2009.

Jeffrey L. Weaver '03 and **Anne Troyer Weaver '03**, Honeoye Falls, N.Y., celebrated the birth of James Virgil on May 26, 2012.

ULISES MARTINEZ '04 HELPS BRING A ZERO-EMISSIONS CAR CLOSER TO REALITY

The FC Show-Case runs on a catalyst developed by Ulises Martinez '04

A clean energy catalyst developed by Ulises Martinez '04 is being used to fuel a concept car in Japan. Daihatsu, a subsidiary of Toyota, implemented Martinez's catalyst in the FC Show-Case, a zero emissions concept car, which was unveiled at the 42nd Tokyo Motor Show in 2011.

A chemical engineering post-doctoral student at the University of New Mexico (UNM), Martinez spent two years developing a catalyst that powers the carbon-neutral vehicle. "My catalyst is used in hydrazine fuel cells," said Martinez. "Fuel cells are similar to batteries, the difference is that a fuel cell could continue working as long as fuel is provided, while a battery needs to be recharged."

Martinez, who majored in chemistry and physics at Goshen College, began studying at UNM in 2006, focusing on biomaterials. When he started his doctoral studies, he decided to change the focus of his research to catalysts for fuel cells. "I decided to go into a field that would be more applied and at the same time was related to my undergrad background," he said. "With the guidance and encouragement of both of my advisers at Goshen College, Dan Smith and Carl Helrich, I decided to go into chemical engineering."

Martinez said fuel cell vehicles do not need a traditional engine. "The fuel cell converts the energy stored in fuels into electrical energy by electrochemical reactions. Therefore, it is much more efficient than a combustion engine."

So why aren't fuel cells more common? "The main catalyst studied today is platinum, which costs about $1,700 per ounce. The catalyst I developed is nickel-based, which costs about $8 per pound. So the price difference could be a significant driver of this technology."

Although his research is noteworthy, Martinez is realistic about the real-world application of his catalyst. "This kind of technology has a lapse for it to be available to the public. Batteries used today in hybrid cars were actually developed in the 1960's," he said.

"There are several companies, such as Toyota and Nissan, that are planning on bringing fuel cell vehicles to the market by 2020. These fuel cell vehicles will use hydrogen as a fuel, which has been researched over the last 20 years," he said. "So hopefully our technology could be implemented sometime after that."

Since the Daihatsu car is only a prototype, there are no plans for mass production. "The 'body' of the prototype is not really how the car will eventually look. Daihatsu just used it to exhibit the actual technology, which is included in the chassis of the car," he said. When a version does go into production, it will look like any other car on the road.

– Brian Yoder Schlabach '07

KATE STOLTZFUS '05 FINDS 'YINZPIRATION' IN PITTSBURGH

If you've never been to Pittsburgh, you might be puzzled by the word "yinz." To Kate Stoltzfus '05, "yinz" is more than just Pittsburgh's colloquial version of "ya'll"; it is an inspiration.

Stoltzfus became a "Yinzer," or a Pittsburgh resident, after graduating from Goshen College, and began a year of service through the PULSE program. At the end of that year, leaving Pittsburgh was out of the question. Today, she and her husband Nik Stoltzfus '03 own and operate Plumb Media, a Web development business, where she serves as a digital strategist.

"Managing all things social" for Plumb Media just tops the long list of Stoltzfus's endeavors in Pittsburgh. She recently co-founded an organization called Propelle, which helps women entrepreneurs reach their full potential by offering workshops and networking events. She serves as a host with Creative Mornings, a global breakfast lecture series for creative individuals, where she is a driving force behind Team Pittsburgh. She also serves on the board of

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PULSE and is a massage therapist. Oh, and she plays the ukulele too.

Stoltzfus rounds out her long list of endeavors with what could be her most inspired undertaking: a blog called Yinzpiration. "Yinzpiration is a project highlighting amazing Pittsburghers in their 20s and 30s who are doing inspiring and awesome things," she said. "Essentially, finding inspiration in the young dreamers and leaders of Pittsburgh is the definition of Yinzpiration."

The vision for Yinzpiration arose two years ago after Stoltzfus attended a social media boot camp, where a presenter challenged her class to have coffee with someone new every week. She ran with the idea and decided to start her blog, with an aim to interview 100 people. She is on her 66th interview.

In addition to the interviews, which she posts in a Q&A format, she also writes about being "yinzpired" in her many feature posts, often highlighting "fun events and neighborhoods in the city, as well as big picture topics like 'ways to say thank you' and 'taking initiative' which I hope brings some positivity to my readers," she said.

While she calls the Steel City home, she fondly remembers her Goshen roots. "I still feel very supported by my Goshen community," she said. "I'm grateful for the relationships that were formed during my college years, both with friends and professors."

Stoltzfus grew up in Goshen, where her father, Stuart Showalter was a communication professor ('76-'04) and her mother Shirley Showalter was an English professor ('76-'96) and later became Goshen College's 14th president ('97-'04). "Goshen College was a huge part of my childhood since my parents worked at the school and we lived right next to the campus," she said. "It was an awesome way to grow up!"

– Brian Yoder Schlabach '07

Andrea Bontrager Yoder '04 and **Brandon D. Yoder '05**, Beaver Dam, Wis., celebrated the birth of Evan Andrew on July 13, 2012.

Jeremy W. Yoder '02 and **Maegan Gasa Yoder '02**, La Junta, Colo., celebrated the birth of Greta Elizabeth on March 2, 2012. She joins Isabella, 4.

2005

NOTES

Angela Culp and Ben Hunsberger, Fishers, Ind., were married April 28, 2012. Angela works as a senior health care analyst for Hayes Management Consulting.

Jason Kauffman, Durham, N.C., spent the 2011-2012 academic year in South America as part of his history Ph.D. program at the University of North Carolina – Chapel Hill.

Saulo Padilla, Goshen, is director of the office on immigration education for Mennonite Central Committee U.S.

Gretchen Stoltzfus Paulovich and Jon Paulovich, Austin, Texas, celebrated the birth of Lucy Mae on Feb. 15, 2012. She joins Owen, 4.

Laura Rheinheimer, Denver, Colo., is enrolled at the University of Denver College of Law with a full Chancellor's Scholarship.

2006

NOTES

Krista Bergey, Atlanta, Ga., a June 2012 graduate with a master of arts in speech-language pathology from Indiana University, Bloomington, now works as a clinical fellow in speech-language pathology at Children's Healthcare of Atlanta.

Rosanna Nafziger Henderson, San Francisco, Calif., is co-author of *The Lost Arts of Hearth & Home: The Happy Luddite's Guide to Domestic Self-Sufficiency* (Pergree Trade, Oct. 2012).

Gregory Koop, Syracuse, N.Y., graduated in August 2012 with a Ph.D. in psychology from Miami University in Oxford, Ohio. He is now working as a postdoctoral researcher in the Memory Modeling Lab at Syracuse University.

Andrew Krabill, Goshen, teaches geography and world history at Elkhart (Ind.) Central High School.

Meryl Roth, Palmer Lake, Colo, began working with the North Carolina Outward Bound School in May 2011, working with at-risk students on canoe and backpack expeditions in Florida and North Carolina.

William A. Velez (faculty '06-present) and **Kari Hunnicutt Velez '07**, Goshen, celebrated the birth of Oliver Adriel on June 17, 2012. He joins Aurora, 2.

2007

NOTES

Minerva (Minnie) Andriotis, Tiskilwa, Ill., is working as a human resources supervisor for Ace Hardware Corporation in its retail support center in Princeton, Ill., while working on a master's in organizational leadership with a specialization in human resources management.

Rebecca Fath Gnagey and Aaron J. Gnagey, Metamora, Ill., celebrated the birth of Josiah Adam on June 16, 2012.

Laurina R. Graber and Josiah Ditzler, Goshen, were married Sept. 15, 2012. Laurina received a master of arts degree in environmental education in May 2012 from Goshen College.

Christine Miller Hesed and **Kyle Miller Hesed**, College Park, Md., celebrated the birth of Helena Laurence on June 10, 2012.

Andrea Shepherd Jacko and Scott Jacko, Muskegon, Mich., celebrated the birth of Maggie Joyce on July 16, 2012.

Nicole Boyd Lehman and Justin Lehman, Goshen, celebrated the birth of Rivers Boyd on June 30, 2012.

Brian Yoder Schlabach and **Anna Yoder Schlabach**, Goshen, celebrated the birth of twins Sophia Grace and Caleb Andrew on Aug. 3, 2012. They recently moved from Albuquerque, N.M., and Brian works as a communication specialist in the Goshen College public relations office.

2008

NOTES

Erin M. Boers and Joseph Penner, Salem, Ore., were married Aug. 4, 2012. Erin is a mentor for social workers at Head Start.

Paul Shetler Fast, Pittsburgh, Pa., is a program manager at VA Butler Healthcare.

Brad Graber and Brenna Steury Graber, Sarasota, Fla., accepted a three-year assignment, beginning in early 2013, with Mennonite Mission Network working with youth and young adults of the Parisian Mennonite churches.

Kelly Wiebe Kane and Jeremy Kane, Smithville, Ohio, celebrated the birth of Emma Joy on April 12, 2012.

Peter Shenk Koontz and **Kelly Shenk Koontz** are serving in Afghanistan with Mennonite Central Committee.

Matthew Rody and Brooke Wyssmann, St. Paul, Minn., were married in October 2011. Matthew is pursuing a master's of teaching (9-12 physics) at Hamline University in Saint Paul, with plans to student teach in the spring of 2013.

Jason Yoder, Bloomington, Ind., now working on a double doctorate at Indiana University in cognitive science and computer science, is a professional Ultimate Frisbee player for the Indianapolis AlleyCats. This was the debut season of the professional American Ultimate Disc League.

Kelli L. Yoder, Harrisonburg, Va., works as assistant editor/Web editor at *Mennonite World Review*.

2009

NOTES

Annerose Leichty Lederman and Joel Lederman, Goshen, celebrated the birth of Tenley Brooke on Dec. 9, 2011.

Micah Loucks and **Lucy Roth Loucks '08**, Detroit, Mich., returned from a three-year term with Mennonite Central Committee in Belfast, Ireland, in summer 2012. While in Ireland they worked with Field to Fork, which involved gardening and working with developmentally handicapped and homeless.

Sheena Allen Whetstone and Jeremy Whetstone, Warsaw, Ind., celebrated the birth of Zalen Jeremiah on June 15, 2012. He joins Zekara, 2, and Zerahiah, 1.

2010

NOTES

Grant T. Bachman and **Kathryn M. Schlabach**, Des Moines, Iowa, were married July 21, 2012. Grant is production associate in television broadcasting with Mediacom MC22, and Kathryn is a medical student at Des Moines University,

Rachel Halder, Pittsburgh, Pa., started a blog, ourstoriesuntold.com, to explore the topic of sexual violence in the Mennonite Church.

Allison J. Hawkins and **Kyle R. Stiffney**, Indianapolis, Ind., were married June 30, 2012. Allison is attending IUPUI working towards a master's in social work. Kyle is a CPA with Crowe-Horwath.

Phil Hosler is working as a SALT volunteer to restart a stalled pottery project that **Tom Unzicker '91** began in 2008 in Cambodia. At one point a mug produced in the workshop was one of the top 20 products sold by Ten Thousand Villages.

Michelle F. Kaufman and **Scott A. Wilkinson**, Salem, Ore., were married on July 22, 2012. Michelle is a nurse at Silverton Hospital's Family Birth Center.

Madeleine S. King (M.A.) and Steven P. Grimm, Chesterton, Ind., were married Oct. 27, 2012.

Kristofer J. Miller works for Flight Safety International in Wichita, Kan.

Rachel A. Miller, Seattle, Wash., is a business assurance staff accountant with Moss Adams LLP.

2011

NOTES

Deanna Cender, of Goshen, began a one-year term of Mennonite Voluntary Service in September 2012 in Rochester, N.Y., as compliance and capability assistant with Foodlink.

Jacob Geyer and **Hannah M. Roth**, Goshen, were married July 29, 2012.

Eliza A. Hochstetler and **Seth J. Gingerich**, Canby, Ore., were married July 7, 2012.

Jennifer Shears Miller, Sturgis, Mich., is an administrator with the St. Joseph County Conservation District.

Edgar Saucedo-Davila, Goshen, is a sixth grade ELL teacher at Goshen Middle School.

2012

NOTES

Alisha Bender, of Pittsburgh, Pa., began a one-year term of Mennonite Voluntary Service in August 2012 in Washington, D.C., as site coordinator with Kid Power.

Garrett R. Cannizzo, Elkhart, Ind., works as an auditor with McGladrey, LLP.

Jonathan Harnish, of Colorado Springs, Colo., began a one-year term of Mennonite Voluntary Service in August 2012 in Tucson, Ariz., as home repair worker with Community Repair Program of Arizona.

Jonathan Hershberger, of Canton, Ohio, began a one-year term of Mennonite Voluntary Service in August 2012 in San Francisco, Calif., as youth counselor intern with Larkin Street Youth Services.

Mayra Salamanca, Elkhart, Ind., works at Elkhart County Clubhouse.

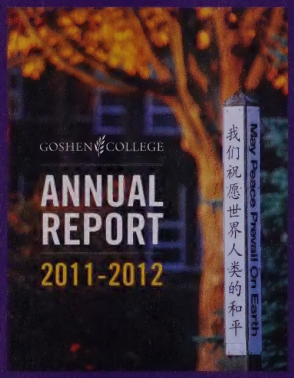
Carrie W. Slagel and Eric Scholten, Kalamazoo, Mich., were married May 18, 2012. Carrie is a nurse aid at Sisters of St. Joseph, an assisted living facility for retired nuns.

Meredith (Lane) Thomas, of Bellefontaine, Ohio, began a one-year term of Mennonite Voluntary Service in August 2012 in San Antonio, Texas, as legal assistant with RAICES.

Adrienne Yoder, of Goshen, began a one-year term of Mennonite Voluntary Service in August 2012 in Fresno, Calif., as program assistant with San Joaquin River Parkway Conservation Trust.

Bethany Yoder, of Bellefontaine, Ohio, began a one-year term of Mennonite Voluntary Service in August 2012 in San Antonio, Texas, as classroom aide with Daughters of Charity.

Emily L. Yoder and Zach Fedor, Philadelphia, Pa., were married Aug. 4, 2012.



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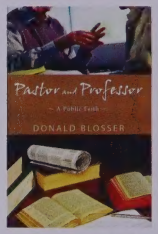
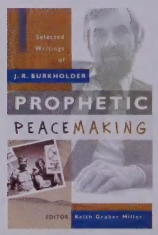


Don Blosser '59 (faculty '79-01), is the author of *Pastor and Professor: A Public Faith*, published in August (Wipf and Stock Publishers). The book tells Blosser's story of a life filled with experiences that "tested his faith and demanded growth that was both exhilarating and painful. It is the personal story of moving from faith as right doctrinal belief to faith as a liberating response to a loving God – a God who is always with us, continually drawing us into the future."

Lauren Friesen (faculty '82-97), professor of theatre and chair of the theatre and dance department at the University of Michigan-Flint, has been named a 2013 distinguished alumni providing outstanding service and leadership in his profession. He is a former recipient of the Kennedy Center Gold Medallion for "Excellence in Theatre" and the Indiana Theatre Association's award for his "Outstanding Contribution to University Theatre."



Keith Graber Miller (faculty '87-89, '93-present), Goshen, received the Dale Brown Book Award for the text he edited titled *Prophetic Peacemaking: Selected Writings of J.R. Burkholder*. The award is given for a new book that is "judged to advance significantly the scholarship in Anabaptist and Pietist Studies," and is given annually by the Young Center for Anabaptist and Pietist Studies. Graber Miller and Burkholder traveled to the Young Center in October where Keith delivered the Dale Brown Book Award Lecture and J.R. offered a response.

DEATHS

Sara Faye Hendricks Blickenstaff, wife of **Marvin Blickenstaff (faculty '78-99)**, 3904 Landis Road, Collegeville, PA 19426, died Oct. 3, 2012.

Karen Lowe Raftus (faculty '02-05), Elkhart, Ind., died Aug. 20, 2012.

CAMPUS EVENTS

WINTER 2013

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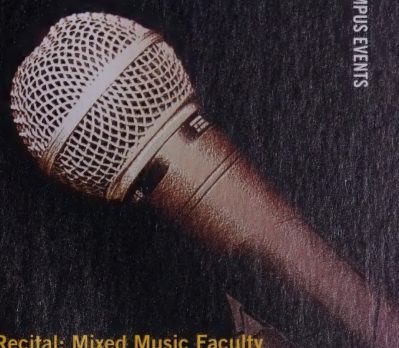

JANUARY

Through Jan. 13 — **Exhibit: "Cosmic Wanderlust" by Michiko Itatani, painting & drawing,** *Hershberger Art Gallery*

Jan. 12 — **Performing Arts Series: Emmylou Harris**
7:30 p.m., *Sauder Concert Hall*
$55, $50, $40

Jan. 18 — **Guest Recital: Spektral String Quartet**
7:30 p.m., *Rieth Recital Hall, $7, $5*

Jan. 19 — **Fiction reading: Dana Johnson, visiting writer**
7 p.m., *Newcomer Center 17*

Jan. 20 — **Exhibit reception: Gregg Luginbuhl, ceramics**
2 p.m., *Music Center lobby*
(Exhibit through March 4)
Hershberger Art Gallery

Jan. 20 — **Community conversation: Dr. Wilbert Smith**
7 p.m., *Umble Center*

Jan. 21 — **Martin Luther King Jr. Study Day with guest Dr. Wilbert Smith**

FEBRUARY

Feb. 1 — **Faculty Recital: Mixed Music Faculty**
7:30 p.m., *Rieth Recital Hall*, $7, $5

Feb. 9 — **Concerto-Aria Concert**
7:30 p.m., *Sauder Concert Hall*, $7, 5

Feb. 10 — **Reception: "Heritage Works," by Abner Hershberger**
Library Art Gallery
(exhibit through March 28)

Feb. 12 — **Afternoon Sabbatical: Goshen College Chamber Choir**
1 p.m., *Sauder Concert Hall*

Feb. 12 — **Studio Recital: Students of Solomia Soroka**
7:30 p.m., *Rieth Recital Hall*, $7, $5

Feb. 15, 16 & 17 — **Winter One Acts**
8 p.m. (15), 3 p.m. (16 & 17)
Umble Center, $3

Feb. 16 — **Performing Arts Series: English Concert**
7:30 p.m., *Sauder Concert Hall*
$45, $40,$25

Feb. 17 — **Winter Choral Concert**
7:30 p.m., *Sauder Concert Hall*, $7, $5

Feb. 19 — **C. Henry Smith Peace Oratorical Contest**
7 p.m., *Umble Center*

Feb. 22 — **Visiting Artist Recital: Martin Hodel, trumpet and Marvin Blickenstaff, piano**
7:30 p.m., *Sauder Concert Hall*, $7, $5

LASTING TIES

A train passes by campus in 1903 or 1905. Its locomotive is about where the underpass is now.

"A RARE CHANCE..."

On the first Friday of May 1903, citizens of Goshen met in the city's council chamber to hear what *The Goshen Daily Times* described as "a rare chance for Goshen to secure a desirable college." The local Commercial Exchange had been busily raising money to lure what was then known as the Elkhart Institute to move to the prairie at the south edge of Goshen.

Goshen lawyer and civic leader Wilbur Stonex had shown the Institute's administrators several sites that might be available for Goshen College's new campus – three on elevations north of town, Noah Shoup's prairie farm at Goshen's south edge and a riverside site closer to Waterford.

Paramount in the Institute's choice in favor of the Shoup farm: the existing north-south rail line and proximity to an expanding electric rail commuter network. One benefit of the decision in favor of easy rail access accrued to fledgling Goshen College almost immediately: Stonex, who also represented the legal interests of the Indiana Railway Co., promptly leaned on railway investors to contribute to the $10,000 sum the Goshen business community promised Elkhart Institute in return for choosing to relocate to the Maple City.

The company's main investor, Arthur Kennedy from Pittsburgh, lamented that "neither I nor any of the stockholders ... have as yet had any returns from our large investments," yet he contributed $1,000 to the goal. In fact, contributions from rail investors represented more than a quarter – perhaps more than half – of the total funds raised by the Commercial Exchange.

Six weeks later, on June 12, chartered trolley cars brought Elkhart Institute personnel and supporters to the newly purchased site. They joined there with a lively array of Goshen's civic elite to witness the groundbreaking for the GC Administration Building. Contemporary news reports fail to mention whether the festivities were accompanied by the whistle or rattle of a passing train.

– Joe Springer
Curator, Mennonite Historical Library

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RYAN MILLER '95

THE KEY TO A DECADE OF BEAUTIFUL MUSIC

Among the highlights of the grand opening of the Goshen College Music Center on Oct. 6, 2002 was the passing of the "key" to the world-class facility (above) by then-President Shirley Showalter to Brian Wiebe, the new director. To mark the 10-year anniversary of the Music Center, on Oct. 6, 2012, Brian Wiebe again was present as President James E. Brenneman presented the key to Marcia Yost, the new executive director of the Music Center, during the Homecoming Music Gala. Yost, who accepted the quarter-time appointment, also will remain as director of choral music at Goshen High School. Wiebe resigned to became executive director of the Horizon Education Alliance. To support the mission of the Music Center, visit **gcmusiccenter.org** or call (574) 535-7793.

ALYSHA LANDIS

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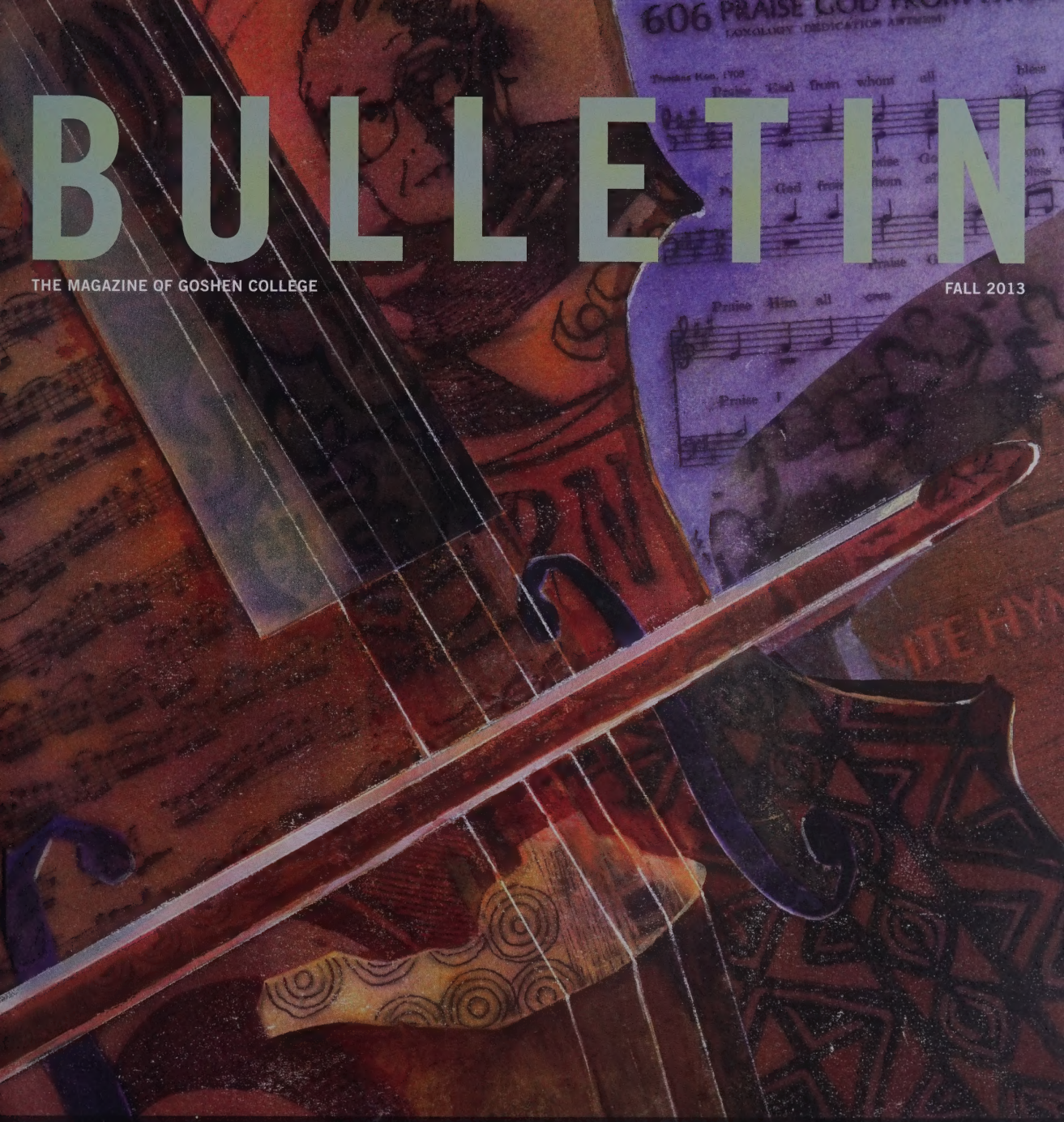

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

SOWING COMPASSION

AS A COLLEGE whose peacemaking roots run deep, naming one of our core values "peacemaking" seems obvious to me. Adding the adjective "compassionate" to peacemaking underscores the blessing peacemaking can be. However, it also cautions that making peace can sometimes be a cruel and unusual affair in need of a modifier. Is it possible to 'kill' others softly with our songs of peace, our attitudes of peace, our peaceful purities and pieties?

Our many different life experiences, times and cultures inevitably shape our diverse understandings of what it means to be a compassionate peacemaker. Scripture says, "Jesus is our peace," full of divine compassion. The Dalai Lama declares peace to be "the very manifestation of human compassion." Islam means "peace," invoking Allah as "All Compassionate and Merciful." I hope, then, that our understanding of the meaning of "compassionate peacemaking" will be as deep and wide and fully divine and human as experienced in life itself.

Sometimes the rule of law, the responsibility to protect the weakest among us, is compassionate peacemaking. Al Mackowiak, a 39-year veteran of the Goshen Police Department and now head of campus safety and security, demonstrates compassionate peacemaking by dedicating his life to protecting the most vulnerable in our society.

At other times, civil disobedience is compassionate peacemaking. Lois Gunden Clemens '36 risked her life to harbor Jewish refugee children at a French orphanage during World War II. Read more about Gunden Clemens and her powerful story on page 22.

Sometimes the innocent child or youth can be our best teacher of compassionate peacemaking. A year after a Taliban zealot shot Malala Yousafzai, 16-year-old Pakistani Muslim, for attending school, she spoke words of profound peace at the United Nations in 2013, declaring education for all to be an action of highest compassion.

Compassionate peacemaking can also mean breaking down walls that divide us here on campus. Last year Jan Zawadzki '13, from Germany, gave a speech at convocation describing barriers that divided international students and others, Mennonite students and non-Mennonite students. He challenged all of us to make friends with people different from us.

So, let us renew our commitment to become compassionate peacemakers who tear down walls that still divide us. Let us pursue a compassionate peace that is more relational than legal, more compassionate than particular and more lasting than righteous. In whatever form our peacemaking takes, let compassion reign.

Jim Brenneman

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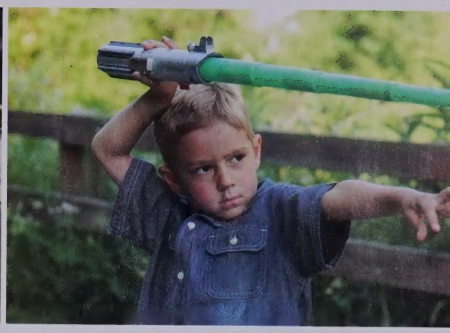

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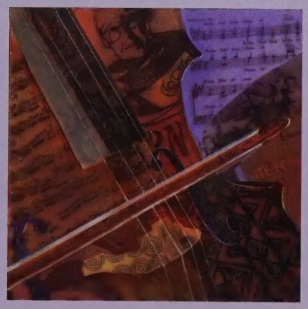

ABOUT THE COVER

Weaving together Mennonite, classical and African images that represent the way music transformed Professor Emerita of Music Mary Oyer and her teaching over the course of her 90 years, Goshen College Graphic Designer **Hannah Gerig Meyer '08** created this original artwork. Interestingly, Hannah's mother, **Sibyl Graber Gerig '80**, was the original student artist for the caricature of Mary that was popularly featured on campus T-shirts and can be found on the *Bulletin* cover.

FIND MENNO

Menno Simons might have found our new underpass helpful when he needed to hide from authorities. We heard from 73 of you who correctly found Menno in the Winter 2012-13 issue on page 15, overlooking the steps to the newly opened train underpass on campus.

We love hearing from all of you as you find where Menno is hiding (he looks just like the photo at the top, just smaller). So, when you do, submit your entry to **gcbulletin@goshen.edu** by **Jan. 6, 2013**, for a chance to win. Be sure to include your name, address, T-shirt size and graduation year/affiliation with Goshen College.

From the correct submissions, we chose at random five lucky winners to receive limited edition *Bulletin* T-shirts:

1. **Becky Roth Schenck '70**
   Eugene, Ore.
2. **Esther Vazquez '04**
   Goshen, Ind.
3. **Margaret Steiner '65**
   Goshen, Ind.
4. **Carol Smucker '79**
   Spokane, Wash.
5. **Randy Murray '77**
   Orrville, Ohio

CORRESPONDENCE

Send your letters of response to the Bulletin *to gcbulletin@goshen.edu or to* Goshen College Bulletin, *1700 S. Main St., Goshen, IN 46526.*

The winter 2012-13 *Bulletin* was an especially good issue with many interesting articles. On page 25 it was nice to see the note about my dad, Paul Kaufman '37. He is such an amazing man and celebrated his 100th birthday in October. He has many fond memories of his years as a Goshen College student. He is still in excellent physical shape and his mind is sharp. He's a thinker and fun to be around.

Marilyn Brown '65, Berea, Ky.

I am so pleased that you featured Naomi Kramer (from Amish to Academia) in the winter 2012-13 *Bulletin*. What she accomplished is truly remarkable, and all the more so because of the obstacles she had to overcome.

I did the same thing 47 years earlier. My parents too were Amish and against just about everything I aspired to. Back then a college education was much less expensive, so for me, the finances were not a big issue. However, I had joined the Amish church a few years before I left the community, so I was shunned and alienated from my parents while I was at Goshen. Naomi could go home when she wanted to, but I couldn't. I used to try my best to get invited somewhere for holidays and vacations, but often I was just alone on campus. I do wish Naomi a great future and a very successful career.

Henry Troyer '65, Springfield, Mo.

I just had time to read the winter 2012-13 *Bulletin* cover to cover this morning. I enjoyed the train articles, as well as the one about the Amish student who graduated recently. I'd never thought of the financial burden one might incur going to school when one's parents didn't offer any financial or emotional support. There are lots of great stories out there to be told. Good job!

Nancy Zehr Massanari '70, Green Valley, Ariz.

After reading most of the articles in the last *Bulletin*, I just wanted to say that publication was well done – an accurate reflection of the mission of the college. … I really enjoy being part of a Big Ten campus (Indiana University), but the ability to give students a "whole" education in which spirituality blends beautifully with academics is a plus for a campus like Goshen. I hope all is well at GC.

Ethel Swartzendruber '71, Kokomo, Ind.

I was a freshman music major in Phil Clemens' music theory class in the fall of 1983. We were in the midst of an exam – heads down, hard at work – when a 5-tone train whistle blew just outside our open windows. Phil rushed to the piano to "grab the chord" and said, "Extra credit! Map that chord!" We all laughed (I groaned!) and tried our best. It was always an adventure with Phil.

As a side note, I believe that class included Marty Hodel, Michael Ruhling and Phil's son, Jim, all of whom are now noted composers or directors scattered throughout the United States.

Kathy (Blosser) Plank '87, Syracuse, Ind.

THANK YOU

Communications and Marketing Office interns, summer 2013

(left to right) Lexi Kantz '14, Hannah Bartel '13, Lauren Stoltzfus '13, Abby Hertzler '13

(not pictured) Micah Miller-Eshleman '14

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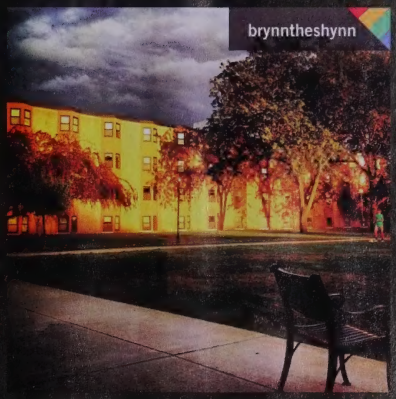

@being_frankie Love the GC applause tunnel! Opening convo was a win today! Jimmy B., Parables, and wonderful energy!

@myadorkablelife seeing all this #iheartgoshen stuff is giving me the warm fuzzies. I miss @GOSHENCOLLEGE a lot. if they had an MFA I'd be there yesterday.

@DunkerLibrarian When the rulers of this age once again prepare for war, it's great to be someplace where compassionate peacemaking is core

Join the loving! The new hashtag #iheartgoshen is being used across social media for posting photos or thoughts that demonstrate why people love GC. In addition to these recent posts, see more ways that people are engaging with GC on social media at tagboard.com/iheartgoshen, and don't forget to add #iheartgoshen the next time you post about us!

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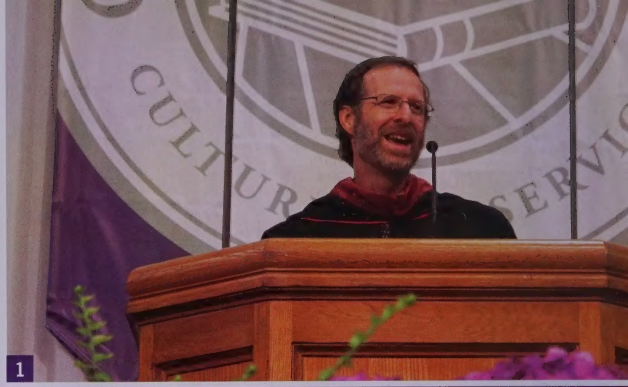
goshen.edu/com-mar/social-media-directory

"This authenticity I'm talking about is connected to values that … are at the heart of the religious tradition that built this college: humility, honesty, community. Those are values to live by, even today – especially today."

– **Commencement speaker Dan Charles** *(right)*, a food and agriculture correspondent for *National Public Radio*, in his speech "Searching for what's real in a digital world"



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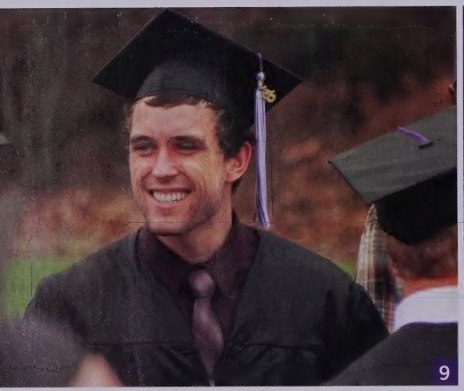
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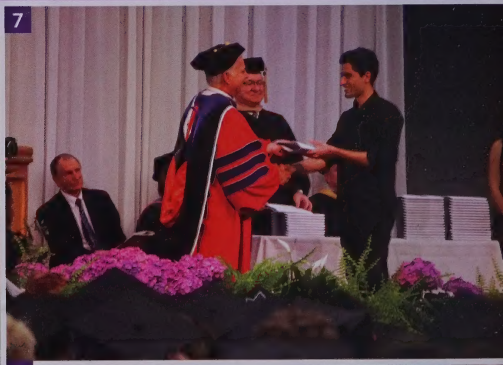
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CLASS OF 2013 HIGHLIGHTS

277 graduates (14 Master of Science degrees, 2 Master of Arts degrees, 185 Bachelor of Arts degrees, 55 Bachelor of Science in nursing degrees and 21 Bachelor of Science degrees)

34 students graduated with highest honors (GPAs of 3.9 to a perfect 4.0). 92 others achieved GPAs of 3.60 and above.

23 states represented

20 countries represented

114 students from Indiana

PHOTO CAPTIONS

1. Speaker Dan Charles **2**. Men's soccer team with coach Tavi Mounsithiraj **3.** Processional of faculty **4.** Commencement ceremony **5.** Jaqueline Martinez (South Bend, Ind.), Elizabeth Lagan '12, Cora Broaddus (Lancaster, Pa.) **6.** Emily Trapp (Canby, Ore.) **7.** Mohammad Rasoulipour (Tehran, Iran) receives his diploma from President Brenneman **8.** Lidya Bizani (Addis Ababa, Ethiopia) signs the alumni book supervised by Kelli King, director of alumni relations **9.** Ben Diedring (Fort Wayne, Ind.)

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Campus News

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Brian Yoder Schlabach '07

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WELCOME, CLASS OF 2017

With enthusiasm and excitement, new and returning students began fall semester classes on Sept. 2. On Saturday, Aug. 31, the class of 2017 arrived for orientation and New Student Days, where they moved into their residence halls, met their classmates and became acquainted with the campus.

"This incoming class is one of the most diverse classes in recent memory, with 28 percent of students identifying as non-white, including 18 percent of students who identify as Latino and 7 percent as black or African American," said **James Townsend, vice president of enrollment management and marketing.**

Enrollment remained steady for first-year students. The total number of new students on campus this fall is 215.

PROFILE OF NEW STUDENTS

Female: **56** percent

Male: **44** percent

Average GPA: **3.5** on a 4.0 scale

49 percent are from Indiana

Represent **96** different high schools in **20** states and **9** countries

26 different denominations

GOSHEN GETS HIGH MARKS

The annual college rankings are out, and Goshen College is again among the best U.S. colleges on many lists, including *U.S. News & World Report*, *Washington Monthly* and *Forbes*. Here are some highlights:

- *Kiplinger's Personal Finance* ranked Goshen College **77th out of the top 100 best value private liberal arts colleges** in the United States, which places it **second among private Indiana liberal arts colleges.**
- *Forbes* gave Goshen College an **"A-" for financial health**, placing it **7th among all Indiana** colleges and universities.
- *Washington Monthly* also ranked Goshen College **179th** for **"best bang for the buck."**
- *U.S. News and World Report* ranked Goshen College **141st** in **"best colleges"** among national liberal arts colleges.
- *The White House's College Scorecard* ranked Goshen College highly for **graduation rate** (73 percent) and **low loan default rate** (4.9 percent).
- *College Factual* ranked Goshen College 96th in **"best nationwide colleges for the money."**
- *StateUniversity.com* named Goshen College the **safest school in Indiana**.

See more rankings at: **goshen.edu/rankings**

Brian Yoder Schlabach '07

A RECENT CAMPUS VISITOR

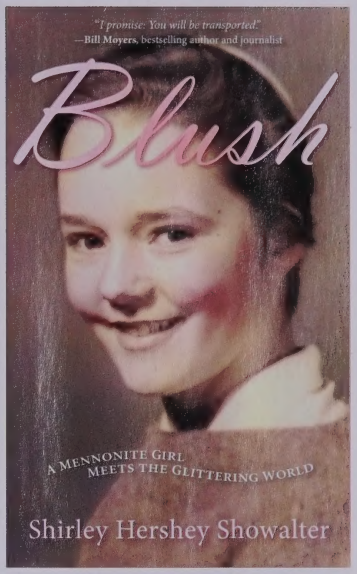
Legendary storyteller **Garrison Keillor** entertained the audience at Goshen College Music Center's Sauder Concert Hall on Oct. 15, part of the college's Performing Arts Series.

SUMMER CAMP COMBINES SPORTS AND JOURNALISM

Ten rising middle schoolers from the Goshen area combined a love of sports with a love of journalism by participating in Goshen College's Write on Sports camp in July. Write on Sports originated in New Jersey in 2005 by **Byron Yake '61**, a former national sports editor with the Associated Press. The 2013 Goshen camp is the first to take place outside of New Jersey.

"Write on Sports blends sports and writing in such a way that you learn almost unawares because you get caught up in excitement of sports and the interactions between journalists and athletes," said Goshen College **Professor of Communication Duane Stoltzfus '81**, director of the Write on Sports Goshen camp.

Josh Gleason



FORMER PRESIDENT RELEASES MEMOIR

In September, **former Goshen College president Shirley Hershey Showalter** released a new memoir, *Blush: A Mennonite Girl Meets a Glittering World* (Herald Press, $15.99 paperback). The memoir traces Showalter's childhood in Lancaster County, Pa., as a sheltered little girl with big dreams in a family and church caught up in the midst of the cultural changes of the 1950s and '60s. Showalter, who joined the Goshen College faculty in 1976, served as the 14th president of Goshen College from 1997 to 2004.

Showalter describes her memoir as equal parts *Mennonite in a Little Black Dress*, *Growing Up Amish* and *Little House on the Prairie*. It's a richly textured and affectionate look at an American religious subculture that has fascinated outsiders for centuries, complete with Mennonite recipes and vintage photos.

"I hope that readers will feel peaceful when they put down the book, and I hope they will reflect on their own lives with deeper appreciation for the blessings in them," she said.

Brian Yoder Schlabach '07

NEW TRAIN UNDERPASS GETS A SPLASH OF COLOR

The gray concrete walls of the new Goshen College train underpass received a colorful facelift this summer. A mural designed by **Noah Yoder '10** (left) was painted onto the walls and ceiling of the pedestrian underpass, which was constructed for students, along with walkers and bikers using the Winona Trail, to access both sides of the college's campus even when a train is traveling or stopped on the tracks.

After the underpass was completed in 2012, Goshen College's Student Senate proposed that the new tunnel have a mural painted in it. Student Senate put out a call to student and alumni art majors and minors to submit proposals, and Yoder's abstract and colorful design was chosen.

The painting of the mural began in late June and finished in early July.

RADIO AND TELEVISION STATIONS GET MORE NATIONAL ATTENTION

This year, Goshen College's student-operated radio station, WGCS 91.1 The Globe (**globeradio.org**), added two more huge accomplishments to its growing list: 2013 Best College Station in the Nation and Indiana's Radio School of the Year (right). This is the second time the college radio station has received the top national award in three years from the Intercollegiate Broadcasting System (IBS), making it the first college to be a repeat winner in the competition, which includes every college and university in the country of every size. Last year, the station was a runner-up for the top award.

Also for the second consecutive year, Goshen College earned the state title for Television School of the Year in the 2013 Indiana Association of School Broadcasting's (IASB) college broadcasting competition.

Photo provided

Brian Yoder Schlabach '07

ALGAE: THE FUEL OF THE FUTURE?

Things are glowing and growing in the Science Hall at Goshen College. Three tanks, called photobioreactors, are alive with 185 gallons of green algae-filled water, with the goal of finding an easy and efficient way to produce and harvest algae, which can be used in biofuels, pharmaceuticals and even food.

For years, algae has been rumored to be the fix for many of our global energy problems. The biology students and professors who make up the AlgaeTown research team at Goshen College believe they are getting closer to making that a reality, and are looking to the public for financial support.

Read more about this project at: **goshen.edu/algaetown**

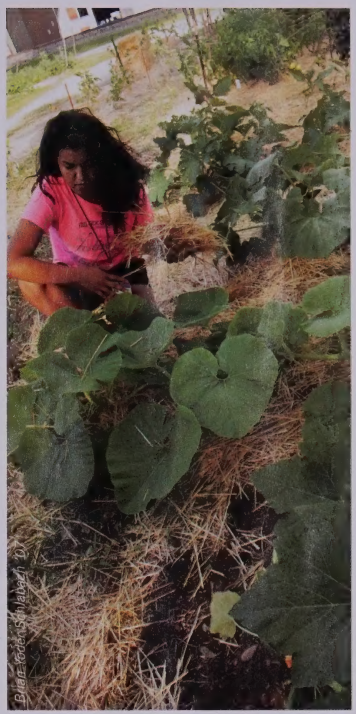
Jodi H. Beyeler '00

GOSHEN GOES TO 100 PERCENT GREEN ELECTRICITY

Goshen College has taken a major step by voluntarily purchasing all of its electricity from renewable energy sources, such as wind and solar power. This single action will reduce the college's carbon footprint by about 45 percent. The college is the first major customer of NIPSCO, the regional electricity provider, to take this action and participate in its new Green Power Program.

"What this means for Goshen College is that going forward, no more coal, gas or oil will be burned, no more carbon dioxide will be introduced into the atmosphere to provide electricity for our campus," **President Jim Brenneman** said.

Read more about this initiative at: **goshen.edu/gogreen**


Brian Yoder Schlabach '07

COMMUNITY GARDEN FOSTERS RICH CONNECTIONS BETWEEN PEOPLE AND THE EARTH

A community garden was established this summer with funds from the 2013 graduating class gift. Named Trackside Community Garden because of its proximity to the railroad tracks, the garden is located a half-block from campus on Ninth Street.

The garden currently has two plots that are reserved for specific community members who live nearby. The remainder of the space is a communal plot that volunteers have planted with a variety of vegetables, fruits, herbs and flowers.

"It's fun to see the excitement of people who have never really had the opportunity to garden before," said **Carina Zehr**, a senior who helped establish the garden.

Photo provided

STUDENTS GAIN A NEW PERSPECTIVE ON ANABAPTISM IN PARAGUAY

During May Term this year, Goshen College **Professor of History John D. Roth '81** led 17 students in an exploration of the different Anabaptist cultures of Paraguay. The class trekked from the capital city of Asunción to Mennonite colonies in the Gran Chaco and in eastern Paraguay during their three-week learning tour of the country.

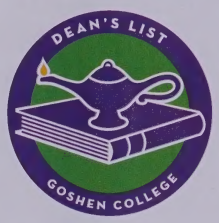
According to Roth, at least 20 different Anabaptist-Mennonite groups have settled in Paraguay, some with deep roots in traditional European Anabaptism. "Paraguay is a microcosm of the diversity and variety of the global Anabaptist-Mennonite church today," Roth said.

They preserve a strong sense of their ethnic, cultural and religious identity by living in relatively isolated colonies far from Asunción. Many of these groups came to Paraguay from Russia, Canada or the United States, bringing with them some elements of their tradition, while also absorbing Paraguayan aspects of life. Other Anabaptist groups in the country have emerged as a result of local missions among native Paraguayans, who generally speak Spanish or Guaraní, a native dialect, and have adopted worship styles similar to the evangelical traditions around them.

CELEBRATING STUDENT SUCCESS WITH A NEW ONLINE TOOL

Goshen College is now using Merit, a new online tool that publicizes student accomplishments such as making the Dean's List, studying abroad or landing an internship. Merit helps students create a professional and positive online identity that showcases their hard work and academic success by providing each student with a "Meritpage."

See Goshen's Meritpage and the latest student achievements at: **goshen.meritpages.com**



Kyle Hufford

FIVECORE MEDIA FILM EXPLORES THE JOURNEYS OF THE APOSTLE PAUL

A documentary that takes viewers through the journey of Apostle Paul as he broke down barriers to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ was completed and premiered this spring. The 30-minute documentary was produced by FiveCore Media, a video production company of the college's communication department that employs communication faculty and students.

In May 2012, **Assistant Professor of Communication Seth Conley** and **FiveCore Media General Manager Kyle Hufford** led a team of nine students through Greece and Rome for three weeks to collect footage exploring how Paul ministered to the Jews, non-believers and early churches. Since the filming, six additional students worked on editing the documentary alongside them.

Check out: **goshen.edu/communication/journeys**

2013-14 NEW FACULTY AND STAFF

Goshen College welcomes new employees for the 2013-14 school year, some of whom were hired and began their duties earlier in the year:

NEW ADMINISTRATIVE FACULTY AND STAFF:

David Baker
Security officer

Jennifer Beer
Director of counseling

Eric Bradley
Reference and instruction librarian

Sara Colle
Administrative assistant, academic, financial aid and institutional research

Natalya Demchuk
Custodian, physical plant

Lizzy Diaz '13
Multicultural admission coordinator

Katie Dwyer-Zeman
Assistant director of residence life and student activities

Angelia Forrest
Assistant director, financial aid office

Neal Friesen '07
Assistant director of residence life and student activities

Kimberly Glick '08
Audiovisual operations manager, ITS media

Thomas Huff
Custodian, physical plant

Tia Johnson
Event manager, office of conferences and events

Linda Kimpel
Administrative assistant, nursing department

Zeke Kingsbury
Security officer

Rhonda Klaer
Custodian, physical plant

Kimberly Lucas
Administrative assistant, career services and campus ministries

Valentyna Naumchuk
Custodian, physical plant

Linda Piersimoni
Data entry coordinator

Kendra Ramseyer '05
Admission counselor for adult and graduate programs

Ariel Ropp '13
Interim communications specialist, communications and marketing office

Mateo Salcedo
Interim academic counselor

Sarah Soriano
Web content manager, communications and marketing office

Sarah Stutsman
Administrative assistant, physical plant

Grace Swartzendruber '08
Performance venue production manager

Kathleen Yoder '85
Administrative assistant to the vice president for enrollment management and marketing

John Zirkle
Sustainable farm manager, Merry Lea Environmental Learning Center

NEW TEACHING FACULTY:

Lisa Gautsche '87
Assistant professor of mathematics

Phillip Mason '88
Associate professor of business

Mark Moyer
Associate professor of nursing

Kathryn Schmidt
Assistant professor of music

Karen Kreider Yoder '78
Associate professor of education

Visiting professors:

Luke Beck Kreider '08
Visiting assistant professor of peace, justice and conflict studies

Patrick Mello
Visiting professor of English

Adjunct professors:

Deana Baker
Adjunct professor of kinesiology

Matthew Chandler
Adjunct professor of peace, justice and conflict studies

Jonathan Nafziger '08
Adjunct professor of physics

Eliza Stoltzfus
Adjunct professor of education

Ryan White-Stevens
Adjunct professor of mathematics

MAPLE LEAFS

ALUMNI AWARDS

For the eighth year, the Goshen College Maple Leafs Athletic Club presented the Dr. Ruth Gunden and the Dr. Roman Gingerich Champion of Character awards. The two awards, created in 2005, were presented to a male and female alumni athlete who exemplify the college's core values in their lives, work and community service. Gunden and Gingerich were pioneers in Goshen College's athletic history.

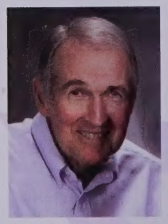
DR. RUTH GUNDEN CHAMPION OF CHARACTER AWARD:
LYNDA HOLLINGER-JANZEN '78

Throughout her life, Lynda Hollinger-Janzen of Goshen has worked to serve and advocate for those from other cultures.

Hollinger-Janzen spent a year studying abroad in France before coming to Goshen College in 1974, where she double majored in French and physical education and participated in volleyball and track and field. Immediately after graduating, Hollinger-Janzen spent two years teaching in a village school in what is now the Democratic Republic of Congo with Mennonite Central Committee. During her third year there, she helped to create and implement an innovative program that brought primary health care into 200 schools in the northwestern region of the country.

Hollinger-Janzen earned a master's degree in tropical community health from the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine and then served for 13 years in Benin, West Africa, with Mennonite Board of Missions.

Hollinger-Janzen is currently a writer for Mennonite Mission Network. She and her husband, Rod, have three adult children, Mimi, Rachel and Femi, and attend Waterford Mennonite Church.



DR. ROMAN GINGERICH CHAMPION OF CHARACTER AWARD:
FRED LITWILLER '62

Fred Litwiller of Goshen dedicated his life to serving college students through coaching, teaching, counseling and administration.

Litwiller – who died on June 6, 2013, after an 11-year struggle with multiple myeloma – was nominated for the Dr. Roman Gingerich Champion of Character award prior to his death. His wife, Faye, accepted the award in his honor during Homecoming Weekend.

Litwiller graduated from Goshen College with a major in physical education and a minor in science. He played varsity basketball all four years of his Goshen career, serving as team captain during his junior and senior years. He went on to receive a master's degree in guidance and counseling from Illinois State University.

Litwiller worked at Goshen College in various capacities, including serving as the director of student activities, coaching men's basketball, teaching physical education classes, and later in admissions and with orientation and career counseling. He and his wife led three groups of students on Study-Service Term in Costa Rica during the 1971-72 school year. He retired in 2000.

NEW COACHES

GOLF:
GREG HIRE

Local golf course owner Greg Hire has been tabbed to take over as the interim head coach of the Goshen College golf program. Hire has owned and operated Timber Ridge Golf Club.

SOFTBALL:
KRISTEN KOLTER

A native of Decatur, Ind., Kristen Kolter followed a spectacular career at Adams Central High School and successful stints as both a player and a coach at the NAIA level. Kolter spent two years as the head coach at Lyon College in Batesville, Ark.

WOMEN'S SOCCER:
DALE STOLTZFUS '84

A veteran high school coach and 1984 Goshen College graduate, Dale Stoltzfus returns as head women's soccer coach. Stoltzfus has an impressive 477-194-52 career record in 36 total seasons of coaching girls and boys high school teams in Indiana and Pennsylvania. He has received numerous coaching honors, and his teams have won two Pennsylvania state championships and twice made it to the Indiana semi-state round.

MEN'S BASKETBALL:
NEAL YOUNG

Former Maple Leaf assistant coach Neal Young returns to Goshen College as the program's 14th head coach. Young, who spent three seasons as head assistant and associate head coach under Gary Chupp, will take the reigns of the program after spending the last two seasons at NCAA DII Lewis University.

Photos by Josh Gleason

INDOOR TRACK AND FIELD

The Maple Leafs racked up four NAIA All-American honors at the Indoor Track and Field Championships in March. Seniors **Erin Helmuth** (Elkhart, Ind.) and **Jake GunderKline** (Yellow Springs, Ohio), sophomore **Mitchell Brickson** (Enon, Ohio) and first-year **Abby Dunn** (Auburn, Maine) all finished in the top seven in their respective race walking events. Senior **Sam Jones** (Timber Lake, S.D.) and first-year **Lucas Harnish** (Bluffton, Ohio) were also national qualifiers, taking part in the high jump and 1,000 meters, respectively.

OUTDOOR TRACK AND FIELD

The Maple Leafs set a new school record, earning seven NAIA All-American honors at the May NAIA Outdoor Track and Field Championships. Three race walkers – **GunderKline**, **Brickson** and **Dunn** – all earned their second national awards of the spring, bringing Goshen's total to 22 All-Americans in race walking events since 2007. The event continued with the men's 4x800 relay team of **Harnish**, sophomore **Daniel Zelaya** (Goshen, Ind.), senior **Brock GunderKline** (Yellow Springs, Ohio) and senior **Billy Funk** (Gallup, N.M.) becoming the first Maple Leaf relay team to ever earn All-American status with a school record eighth-place time of 7:44.24.

BASEBALL

In Coach Alex Childers' first season, the Maple Leafs finished 4-40 overall and 3-27 in Crossroads League play. Junior **Arick Armington** (Wakarusa, Ind.) led the team with a .343 batting average, 16 doubles and 13 stolen bases.

SOFTBALL

The Maple Leafs finished the 2013 season 7-23 overall and 6-12 in the Crossroads League. Sophomore **Melanie Meyer** (Elkhart, Ind.) batted .411 with 16 stolen bases and was selected First Team All-Crossroads League. Sophomore **Kerri Doutlick** (Middlebury, Ind.) and senior **Kelsey Morris** (Mooresville, Ind.) were picked as honorable mentions.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Goshen ended the year 3-27 overall and 1-17 in the Crossroads League. First-year **Jo'Mani Thomas** (Fort Wayne, Ind.) led the team with 10.8 points and 6.5 rebounds a game and was named to the conference All-Freshman Team.

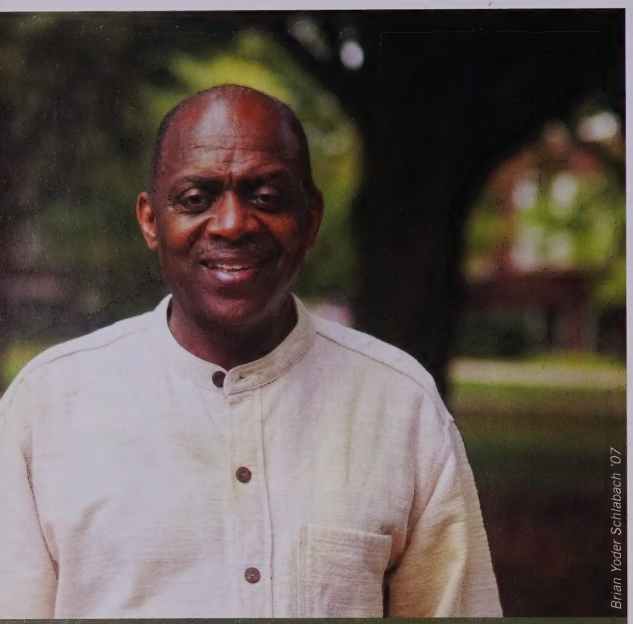
MEN'S BASKETBALL

The Maple Leafs finished the 2012-13 season 8-21 overall and 1-17 in league play. Junior **Jerron Jamerson** (South Bend, Ind.) led the team with 16.1 points and 5.1 rebounds per game on way to league All-Newcomer Team honors.

ACADEMIC AWARDS

Goshen College set a new school record with 51 Daktronics-NAIA Scholar-Athletes during the 2012-13 academic year. The award goes to upperclassmen who have at least a 3.0 cumulative GPA. In five years, Goshen College Athletics has boasted an impressive 233 NAIA Scholar-Athletes.

Helmuth and **Brickson** were also named Capital One Academic All-Americans by the College Sports Information Directors Association. The Maple Leafs have now received nine Academic All-America awards in their history, including seven in the last two years. The award combines excellence in the classroom (minimum 3.3 GPA) and in competition. Senior **Daniel Martin** (Salem, Ore.) also received recognition as All-District.



Brian Yoder Schlabach '07

TONY **BROWN** '71

Brian Yoder Schlabach '07

ARDEN **SHANK** '74

2013 Culture for Service ALUMNI AWARDEES

BY LAUREN STOLTZFUS '13

Two outstanding alumni were honored for their longtime commitment to service with Culture for Service Awards during Homecoming Weekend 2013.

Established in 1989, the Culture for Service Awards honor alumni who demonstrate commendable amounts of service and achievements at home or in their churches, colleges, communities and the larger world. A Decade of Servant Leadership Award was not given this year. Read more about the athletic alumni awards on page 12.

TONY BROWN '71: USING MUSIC TO PROMOTE PEACE

As an internationally acclaimed baritone, Tony Brown, of Albuquerque, N.M., uses music to promote peace and reconciliation around the world.

After graduating from Goshen College with a degree in psychology, Brown attended the University of Pennsylvania, where he received a master's of social work degree in 1979.

Brown taught at Goshen College from 1980-83 before becoming the assistant director of the counseling center at the University of Washington for the next 17 years. He also worked privately as a psychotherapist during that time. From 2000 to the present, Brown has served a member of the sociology faculty and an artist-in-residence at Hesston (Kan.) College.

Brown is most well known for his music, through which he strives to bring peace in places of conflict. He sings songs from a variety of styles, including African-American spirituals, folk songs, opera, oratorio and pieces from musical theater, and has performed and spoken about peace in countries including Bosnia, China, Colombia, Ethiopia, Ireland, Japan, Moldova, Russia, South Korea, Uganda and Vietnam. The Anthony Brown Comprehensive School

in Pader, Uganda, which provides education for former child soldiers, was named in Brown's honor.

"At Goshen College I learned about the importance of giving yourself to Christ and serving the world," Brown said. "This is truly the cause of my life and I have used music as a way to fulfill this goal. My understanding of the human family and how we are so much alike encourages me to stay on course in the effort to be a part of creating a better day for all of humanity."

In 2007, Brown founded the Peacing It Together Foundation, a nonprofit organization that plans, organizes and subsidizes musical events that promote peace and social justice around the world. In addition, he recently worked with playwright Andrew Flack to create "I Go on Singing," a multimedia stage show about Paul Robeson, a world class singer and international social activist who was involved in the civil rights movement. During the show, Brown sings a variety of songs that are associated with Robeson while accompanied by a pianist, narrator and archival video that plays on a screen in the background. This will be performed at Goshen College during Martin Luther King Jr. Day 2014 activities.

"Tony Brown is everything Goshen College would want in an alumnus," said Everett Thomas, editor of *The Mennonite*, and Brown's former Goshen College roommate. "In his singing, Tony speaks about the Christian faith through the lyrics of African-American spirituals, a tradition that could easily be forgotten in Mennonite circles."

Brown released his fifth CD in September titled "How Can I Keep From Singing."

Brown is married to Erika Shinya. He is a member of Seattle Mennonite Church and is active at Albuquerque Mennonite Church and Hesston Mennonite Church.

ARDEN SHANK '74: ENCOURAGING COMMUNITY AND NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT

The economic and social justice work that has become Arden Shank's passion started taking shape while he was a student at Goshen College.

During his time at Goshen, Shank, of Miami, Fla., learned to think analytically and found his worldview stretched while on Study-Service Term in South Korea and while taking two courses in Europe. After graduating with a degree in religion, Shank served as the urban director of Mennonite Student and Young Adult Services, a department of Mennonite Mission Network, from 1975-81. For three of those years, he was also employed as the associate director of the Washington Community Scholars' Center, a program of Eastern Mennonite University.

Shank went on to receive a master of divinity degree from Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary in 1985. He then served as the executive director of LaCasa Inc. in Goshen from 1988-2001 while also working as an adjunct assistant professor of peace, justice and conflict studies and Bible, religion and philosophy at Goshen College. In addition, he played a significant role in the founding of Habitat for Humanity of Elkhart County and Maple City Health Care Center in Goshen.

In 2004, Shank graduated as a member of the first class of community development executives in the Achieving Excellence program, which is sponsored by NeighborWorks America and the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University. Currently, he is president and CEO of Neighborhood Housing Services of South Florida (NHSSF), a nonprofit organization that works to stabilize neighborhoods and develop sustainable housing.

"My Goshen College experiences gave me a foundation for my work in multicultural, multiracial, multifaith Miami," Shank said.

As president of NHSSF, Shank recently led a group of six nonprofits and the city of North Miami in applying for and allocating more than $89 million in federal funds to acquire, rehabilitate and rent or sell foreclosed homes, and to acquire vacant land to build new homes. The group is on track to complete over 1,300 housing units, with 60 percent of these units completed and occupied.

"Arden's desire to live, work and worship amongst a diverse community is at the heart of who he is," said his sister, Ruth Shank Martin '66. "He cares about the earth, its environment and its inhabitants. He follows clearly the words of Micah to 'do justice, love kindness and walk humbly with God.'"

Shank is a member of Coral Gables United Church of Christ in Coral Gables, Fla., and an associate member of Assembly Mennonite Church in Goshen. He and his wife, Meribeth '73, have two children, Nadia Shank Van Eenige and Justin Rothshank '00, and three grandchildren.

WANT TO NOMINATE SOMEONE TO BE A 2014 ALUMNI AWARDEE?

Send us your suggestions of alumni who you believe exemplify the college's motto of "Culture for Service" and core values. You can see the criteria and fill out a nomination form at **goshen.edu/alumni**. The deadline is **Jan. 17, 2014**.

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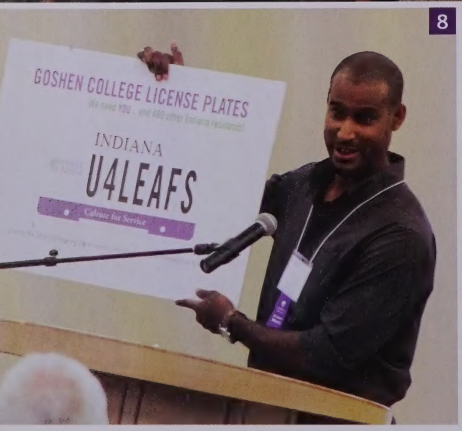
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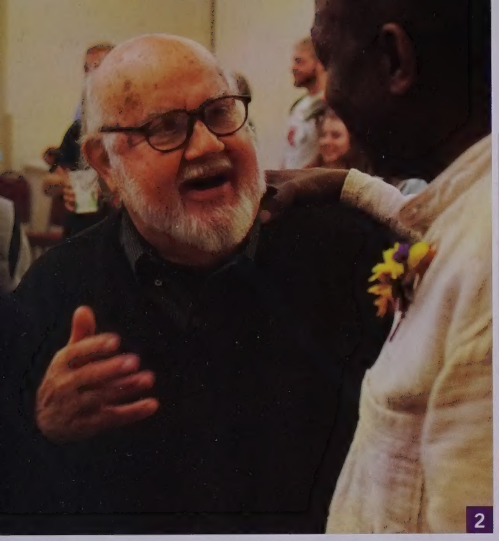
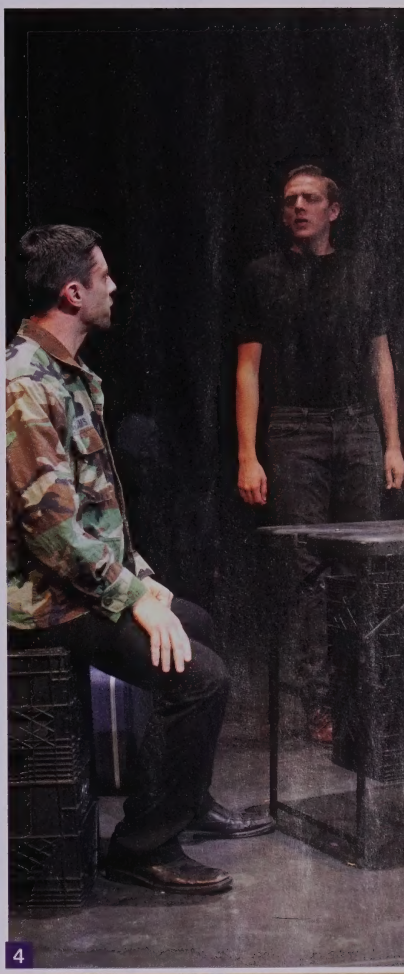




Homecoming Weekend

OCT. 4-6, 2013

PHOTOS BY: Brian Yoder Schlabach '07, Alia Munley '15, Rose Shetler '06, Jan Ramer '87

1. Alumni hymn sing **2.** Abner Hershberger '60, professor emeritus of art, and Culture for Service Award winner Tony Brown '71 **3.** Former president Shirley H. Showalter reads from her new memoir, *Blush* **4.** Actors Ben Wert and John Wideman of Waterloo, Ontario, in the play *GADFLY: Sam Steiner Dodges the Draft* **5.** Alumni and friends enjoy a pottery exhibit featuring area alumni **6.** The Women's World Music Choir at the Homecoming Music Gala **7.** The class of 1963 gathered for their 50th reunion **8.** Ashe Abebe '07 presents a proposal for GC specialty Indiana license plates **9.** Caricaturist Mark Daniels '00 creates memories for future Maple Leafs **10.** Alumni bike ride on Goshen's Pumpkinvine Nature Trail

View more photos, including class reunions, at **goshen.edu/alumni/homecoming**.

EXPANDING THE 'SOUND POOL'

CELEBRATING PROFESSOR EMERITA OF MUSIC MARY KATHRYN OYER'S 90TH BIRTHDAY

BY PRESIDENT JIM BRENNEMAN
adapted from his remarks on April 20, 2013 at a campus birthday celebration weekend event

INTRODUCTION

I have always thought that to celebrate one's birth is one of the more significant days on the Christian calendar. To do so, is to celebrate the gift of life, that is, the prevenient, undergirding, substantive grace that is our unique, matchless and – if one looks around the vast and barren universe – our rare life. That we arrived on this, the third planet from the sun, is an awesome fact worth celebrating!

Our day of birth is also a celebration of the One who created us, signs of audacious hope in the face of entropy, loss, sin and death. Birthdays are glorious occasions worthy of gratitude and celebration and remembrance. And so, we celebrate the birth and four score and ten years of the life of Dr. Mary Kathryn Oyer '44, unique, matchless and rare, indeed, a sign of God's amazing grace.

MARY, AESTHETIC INCARNATION

The two most influential people in my life when it comes to my aesthetic appreciation and knowledge of art and music are my wife, Terri, and Dr. Mary. As a first generation college student who never went to a symphony or visited an art museum until I came to Goshen College, I was pretty experientially illiterate when it came to fine art and a musical repertoire of any depth. Unless, of course, you call an album of the "Nickel Family Singers" on the religious side of the spectrum and rock-n-roll on the other side of the spectrum as having depth. That all changed when I took the fine arts class called "The Aesthetic Experience," taught by Dr. Mary Oyer.

From Monet to Dali, from Renoir to Delfin, I have never walked through an art gallery any where in the world since, or ever sat spell-bound in a symphony hall, that I have not been aware that I carry within me a lot of Mary's aesthetic appreciation, having become my own.

MARY, CONTRARY REVOLUTIONARY

Van Gogh once said, "Great paintings do not happen by impulse, but by brush strokes deliberately brought together." If the masterpiece we are painting of Goshen College becoming a World House of Learning in fact, not simply in word, then certainly one of the most revolutionary brush strokes in reaching that goal has been Mary's challenge to the musical and artistic orthodoxies of her time. To the degree that hymnody was and still is the high bar of the Mennonite musical canon, then to have expanded the "sound pool" (as she calls it) of Mennonite music to include world music, in and out of the church, has been a phenomenal paradigm shift. Revolutionary! Like all paradigm shifts, we speak of Mennonite music, "Before Mary Oyer" and "After Mary Oyer."

I SEE AND HEAR THE SOUL OF MARY ALIVE IN ALMOST EVERY CONCERT I COME TO AT GOSHEN COLLEGE. MOST TIMES, I LEAVE THESE CONCERTS BREATHLESS.

Much of what we do on campus, and rightfully so, is to teach and learn and work things out cognitively, logically, critically, structurally, efficiently, skillfully and methodically. We sometimes even sing our hymns perfectly, though we all too rarely weep in the singing. Those days are changing.

Mary Oyer's passionate quest and openness to expanding the musical canon, the "sound pool," of the Mennonite church and of Goshen College to be more than mere perfect imitation will prove to be, in my estimation, one of her greatest legacies. I see and hear the soul of Mary alive in almost every concert I come to at Goshen College. Most times, I leave these concerts breathless.

And, I truly believe that as we become even more ethnically diverse at all levels of the institution, the visual and factual impact of that diversity – if we are truly changed by such a new ever deepening emotional register – will be seen and felt as the true "heart and soul" of Goshen College.

Places like St. Olaf College's musical programs are inevitably held up as a high water mark for Christian colleges and musicians, as judged by the canons of western classical musicianship. As they should be. Would that Goshen College someday surpass that high bar, as we will. However, let us not do so by becoming more like them. Rather, let us do so by out-mastering them in the revolutionary spirit of Maestro Gustavo Dudamel of the Los Angeles Philharmonic.

What might happen if Goshen College fully embraced the revolutionary spirit of Dudamel, who is selling world and classical music to packed out and ever more diverse and younger crowds? Clearly, his style is very much akin to the revolutionary character of Dr. Mary in how she went about expanding the musical repertoire beyond the standard canon here and in the church. Mary coached us into the revolution one song at a time, long before many had even contemplated doing so and at a time when it was tempting to stay within the boundaries of standard musical orthodoxy. Mary paid a price for such courage, as a woman, as a musician, as a forerunner to heralding a more passionate, fully formed and felt world musical canon. That was risky business then, and still may be. However, when that day comes when we are the admiration of others for our unique blend of embodied diversity, our soulful repertoire – and that day is coming – we will look back with an even deeper appreciation

of the revolutionary midwifery of Dr. Mary Oyer in reviving GC's musical heart and soul, that is, its spiritual core.

MARY, RABBONI, MY TEACHER

Let me finish with a memory of my first class at GC. It was a colloquium with Dr. Oyer. There were just 12 to 15 of us. It was, to my knowledge, her first experiment in teaching African arts here at GC after her year-long sabbatical in Africa. You could say we were her 'guinea pigs.' I had no idea, at the time, how unusual such a class was on campus.

Each student was assigned a class project and I chose to build from scratch a wooden marimba patterned after one Mary brought back from Africa. It involved finding the right wood, drying it and carving it in lengths to make different tones, tying it together and so on. Well, I tried drying it by putting my finished instrument in a dorm oven, but the string caught on fire and I more or less charred and burned major pieces of my project. I still managed to pull it out in time to save my behind and my grade. What a way to begin my college career. Even at that, it was one of my favorite GC classes of all time. I could not wait to take the fine arts class from Mary and I never looked back. I was hooked.

Mary, you are a master teacher, my musical and aesthetic Rabbi. Your teaching is a contagion, one that embodies the GC core value "passionate learner." I'm guessing you were one of the prototypes for why that value was selected as core to a GC educational experience. Simply put, you have always been a passionate learner and that passion comes through every time you teach. You have inspired generations of students, faculty, staff and many, many others – some of whom have gone on to great careers in music, others who emulate you in the classroom – and all who appreciate you profoundly.

Your impact on GC and the church has stood the test of time. You are a living pioneer in helping lead the college into becoming the World House of Learning we aspire to be. If Mennonites canonized saints, you would have my nomination. St. Mary. Dr. Mary. Revolutionary Mary. Contrary Mary. Rabbi Mary. Mary Kathryn Oyer. By any name, you are a unique, matchless and rare gift to the world. We thank you.

APRIL 5, 1923

Mary Kathryn Oyer is born in Hesston, Kan., to Noah and Siddie King Oyer. A year and a half later, the family moves to Goshen, Ind., where her father is academic dean and professor of Bible at the college, as well as pastor of College Mennonite Church.

1931

Mary's father dies of typhoid fever. Her mother becomes the matron of GC's men's dormitory in order to support her three young children.

6TH GRADE

Starts cello lessons at Parkside Elementary School.

1941

Graduates from Goshen High School.

1944

Graduates from Goshen College (majored in music, minored in art). She is part of the first string musical quartet at the college. In addition, she participates in Avon Literary Society, Home Economics Club, German Club and the Maple Leaf yearbook.

1945

Begins graduate work in music literature at the University of Michigan and begins her teaching career at GC as a cello instructor, a teacher of music courses and a choral ensemble director.

IN THE 1940S

Develops the Fine Arts course. It is estimated that more than 5,000 students were introduced to the fundamentals of art and music through this particular course.

1958

Is the first string player to receive the University of Michigan's new doctorate in performance practices (cello).

1960S

Is the first woman to serve on the Mennonite church's hymnal committee (*Mennonite Hymnal* released in 1969). She later edits the *Hymnal Sampler*, the forerunner to *Hymnal: A Worship Book*, which was published in 1992.

A FEW WORDS FROM FORMER STUDENTS...

"My parents were the most important influences in my life. That is not a particularly noteworthy statement. The next most important influence in my life has been without question Mary Oyer. She took a great interest in generations of naive young Mennonites, of which I was one, and introduced us to a wider world of art and music. She did it with such grace and conviction that at the time we scarcely knew what it was that she was so generously sharing with us. We didn't know then that the exploration of culture was an on-going thing for her and would become the same for us. Her enthusiasm and preparation for each class was contagious. Her students who became teachers hoped to be able to pass on what she so generously shared. Many of us were fortunate to retain the teacher/pupil connection begun at Goshen College with Mary throughout our lives. We were and continue to be blessed for having had such a mentor as Mary."

– ***James Miller '52**, professor emeritus of voice and choral music at the University of Oregon*

"I was in one of Mary's classes my senior year and one of the assignments I had was to write a song. The experience changed my life forever... started me down my path as a songwriter. After graduation, Mary called me and asked me to write a song for an upcoming event at the college. This song was "Unity (Jesus Help Us Live In Peace)," which has been used quite often in the Mennonite church. I am so grateful for her and for her belief in me."

– ***JD Martin '70**, singer-songwriter, Snowmass, Colo.*

"Forty years on, I still enter art museums with eagerness and confidence because of the solid knowledge base provided by MKO in her Fine Arts classes. The joy she conveyed in experiencing art in all its forms became part of me, too. A debt of gratitude!"

– ***Rebecca Dyck '75**, nursing professor in Montreal*

1968

Makes first visit to Africa with Fulbright funding for 10 weeks. Her frequent exploration of the African continent continues through the 1970s and 80s, and included living and teaching in Kenya a total of five years.

1969

Introduces the Doxology (#606 in the Mennonite Hymnal), at The Mennonite Assembly in Turner, Ore. where the hymnal was first used.

1987

Retires from Goshen College. Two years later begins teaching at Anabaptist-Mennonite Biblical Seminary (AMBS) for nine years.

1989

For her contributions and mentorship of so many, she is named a Fellow of the Hymn Society of the United States and Canada.

1992

Hymnal: A Worship Book is published and includes 60 cross-cultural hymns inspired by her expanding interests in world music.

1999

First teaches at the Taiwan Theological College and Seminary.

2000

The Mennonite includes Mary as one of 20 of the most influential Mennonites of the 20th century.

2004

Moves out of the house on the corner of 8th Street and College Avenue that she had lived in for 80 years. Moved to Greencroft Goshen.

2005

Teaches in the first Lifelong Learning Institute of Elkhart County courses on the Goshen College campus. She has taught regularly since.

2006

The Global Consultation on Music and Missions honors Mary with the Distinguished Service Award.

2013

Her collection of more than 150 field recordings from 22 African countries are digitized and catalogued online as the "Mary K. Oyer African Music Archive."

APRIL 19-20, 2013

College hosts 90th birthday celebration weekend on campus.

LETTERS FROM LOIS

RESEARCHED AND WRITTEN BY MARY JEAN GUNDEN '77 | EDITED BY JODI H. BEYELER '00

EDITOR'S NOTE:

Though it was well known in her family, community and college that Lois Mary Gunden Clemens '36 (Goshen College French professor 1939-41, 1944-58) had served in southern France during World War II with Mennonite Central Committee (MCC), helped many children and had been a prisoner of war for a year, the extent to which she risked her own safety and played a critical role in helping to save Jewish children's lives during the Holocaust recently came to light with the research of her niece Mary Jean Gunden '77. As a result, Yad Vashem, Israel's official memorial to the Jewish victims of the Holocaust, recently recognized Lois as Righteous Among the Nations. She is only the fourth American (of more than 24,800 people throughout the world) to be recognized with this prestigious honor. She died in 2005.

We share excerpts from Lois' diaries and letters home for their first-hand perspective on her experience, as she lived out her faith and the college's motto, "Culture for Service," in mundane, yet profound, courageous and inspirational ways. Some of the following material was published earlier in The Mennonite magazine on Sept. 1, 2013.

Lois Mary Gunden, age 26, was ready to start her third year of teaching French at Goshen College when she was invited by MCC to head to southern France, just 30 miles north of the Spanish border, for World War II relief efforts. At the time, Lois lived at home in Goshen with her parents, grandmother and eight siblings.

She quickly accepted the invitation and as she was set to sail, she received a telegram from Goshen College.

FACULTY AND STUDENTS SEND GREETINGS AND WISH YOU BONVOYAGE OUR MESSAGE IS PSALMS 121= ERNEST E MILLER PRESIDENT=

Lois embarked on the "S.S. Excambion" from New York City on Oct. 4, 1941, with several relief worker companions.

OCT. 5, 1941 (DIARY)

… It was a bit exciting when the gangplank was pulled in at the pier and the last cable was pulled in and the blasts from the boat horn (or whistle maybe) indicated that we were getting under way. We stood on the top deck and waved back at the figures waving to us from the last door on the pier. … After we could no longer see the people on the pier we watched the Statue of Liberty looking at us as we passed by. …

On Oct. 22, Lois began work in Canet-Plage at Villa St. Christophe, a 20-room convalescent home located on the Mediterranean beach. The home held 60 children, and at the time Lois arrived, the majority of them were Spanish refugees.

(*Opposite page from top to bottom):* Lois Gunden, MCC workers Lois Gunden and Helen Penner on the ship in New York City, mealtime at the villa, Jewish children at the villa.

Photos courtesy of the Mennonite Church USA Archives - Goshen

Children playing on the beach next to the villa *(left)*. Villa St. Chrisophe *(right)*. *Photos courtesy of the Mennonite Church USA Archives - Goshen*

OCT. 22, 1941 (DIARY)
Woke with noise of happy children outside the window; children singing, playing games, and running on beach …

About 12 miles away, the Rivesaltes refugee camp supplied most of the children housed at the villa. After an initial visit to the refugee camp, Lois recorded her impressions.

NOV. 18, 1941 (DIARY)
Outstanding and unforgettable memories of day – braveness of boys when they discovered they were leaving without parents; sight of bunks with people sitting hunchbacked on them; dirty and bare kitchen – provisions only for one day; eagerness with which children drank milk; possibility for terrible cold when wind blows.

Family events back home and world happenings were both on Lois' mind.

NOV. 20, 1941 (DIARY)
… letter from home telling of Grandma's death on October 19; … went out to supper with red eyes; before going to bed pondered over how good God had been to let me get a letter to grandma and her one to me; her last months were happy ones even if she was sick; to have a letter from home is wonderful!

DEC. 8, 1941 (LETTER HOME)
This morning when I came out to breakfast they showed me the headlines in the paper which declared that Japan and the United States were at war. It is too bad that at a time when people are preparing for the holiday which marks the advent of Him who came to bring peace on earth and goodwill among men still more people should be plunged into war.

DEC. 16, 1941 (DIARY)
… everything quite unsettled, but *"Dieu le sait; cela suffit"* [God knows, that's enough]. I am still sure that there is a definite purpose I am to serve here.

The stress of the work that Lois and the other workers were doing was unmanageable for some. Her Mennonite colleague Helen Penner suffered a nervous breakdown in January 1942 and returned to the United States in mid-May. And yet, life went on at villa St. Christopher, though life in Goshen was never far from Lois' thoughts.

FEB. 15, 1942 (LETTER HOME)
… Elton [Gunden, one of Lois' brothers], how is the class of '43 upholding its basketball tradition? And you must be quite busy with the Maple Leaf [Goshen College yearbook] by now! I guess this is one year of life at Goshen College about which my knowledge will be nil or nearly so. …

APRIL 18, 1942 (LETTER HOME)
… our battle against head lice is constant. Each new convoy of children from the camp is immediately combed with a fine comb. If a boy has a nice number of them, off go his hair. If it is a girl, her hair is cut quite short. …

JUNE 5, 1942 (LETTER HOME)
… The day's experience [of handing out powdered milk at the schools to children] really meant a lot to me, for it helped me realize that even

though our efforts at relief work are somewhat limited, every little bit that we can do is greatly appreciated. …

In July, large numbers of Jews in France were rounded up and eventually deported to the infamous Auschwitz concentration camp in Poland.

It seems in these changed circumstances that Mary Elmes, an Irish Quaker aid worker colleague in nearby Perpignan for whom Lois had great respect, wanted to ensure that Jewish children at risk of deportation would be sheltered with reliably protective caregivers. Mary probably wasn't certain how Lois would respond to these new realities.

JULY 17, 1942 (DIARY)
… [Mary Elmes] wants me to take children from town; can't figure out why she doesn't want to give us camp children; may be that it is in order to get them to go to Vernet that she informs them that there are no possibilities of coming here; … I decided to try to take into my hands the selecting of children …

AUG. 9, 1942 (DIARY)
… Mary informed me about return of Polish and German Jews to Poland where death by starvation awaits them …

AUG. 10, 1942 (DIARY)
… when I got back to colony found a little boy crying – asking for his barrack and for the Secours Suisse [Swiss Aid to children, organization assisting at the refugee camp]; Miss Elmes had brought us three Jewish boys in an attempt to save them when their parents leave; had quite some time quieting the poor little fellow; but finally his sobs died down …

About every two weeks, a group of three to seven children returned to the camp, and a similar number arrived at the children's villa. By February 1942, many of the Spanish refugees were being freed from the camp, and children were leaving the villa to join them. The newcomers to the villa from the camp included an increasing number of German, Polish and other Western European Jews. Many of these families had fled from persecution and took refuge in France for several years before becoming entangled in the anti-Jewish laws of Vichy France, which in many respects were even more repressive than those of Germany.

AUG. 11, 1942 (DIARY)
…While we were eating supper Miss Elmes brought seven Jewish children – some of whom can't speak French; [Isidore] Mussoles cooked some extra macaroni; *quelle comedie pour les laver en lavabo!* [what a comedy to wash them in the washbasin] *Les garçons ne voulaient pas enlever leurs culottes* [The boys didn't want to take off their pants] …

Parents would have repeatedly warned their circumcised sons not to take off their pants in front of others, in order to hide their status as Jews.

AUG. 11, 1942 (LETTER HOME)
… every morning, the housewife gets up early in order to get as near the head of the line as possible for anything she may be able to get in the way of fresh fruits or vegetables for the day. She must spend hours in order to get the little bit that she can have. ...

Food shortages were a chronic problem for even those who had ration cards, a situation that exacerbated local French resentment toward refugees.

AUG. 12, 1942 (DIARY)
… it is disgusting the way the Spaniards are often decried by the French, and yet today those very ones say how much better it is to have Spanish children [at the villa]; yet it is children from the camp [now mostly Jewish children] who interest us most.

AUG. 20, 1942 (LETTER HOME)
Two more of our big girls who had been at the colony for a year or so left last week. When Isabelle arrived last summer the doctor didn't feel as if she had much of a chance; she was nothing but skin and bones and often had fever when she was tired. … But you should have seen her when she left! During the year she filled out and blossomed into real sixteen-year-old beauty, even to the extent of rosy cheeks. … Since most of the cases are not so extreme one thinks at times that the results of our relief work are rather intangible in the main – at discouraging moments one wonders if he is really accomplishing very much.

AUG. 21, 1942 (DIARY)
… I took care of children on *plage* [beach] – find a real challenge in trying to establish feeling of brotherhood between Jews and Spanish …

OUR EFFORTS AT RELIEF WORK ARE SOMEWHAT LIMITED, EVERY LITTLE BIT THAT WE CAN DO IS GREATLY APPRECIATED

AUG. 26, 1942 (LETTER HOME)
I was surprised by a call from the camp informing me of the arrival of another group of children tomorrow. … I'm quite sure the villa was never meant to house 74 people, but still we manage to stow all of them away. The last group of seven did not assimilate itself so rapidly as usual, for we have been getting nationalities other than Spanish lately.

During this time, if Jewish children under the age of 16 were housed separate from their parents outside the refugee camps, they often weren't searched out, particularly if French officials knew they could already meet their quota for scheduled deportations of Jews. Lois now understood the importance of moving as many Jewish children as possible out of the camps and into the villa.

AUG. 29, 1942 (LETTER FROM MARY ELMES)
… I should warn you that there is a possibility that the children whose parents are still at Rivesaltes may be recalled to leave from there with the rest of the family. We are doing everything possible to prevent this however, but it is unfortunately still an eventuality. I am getting the parents of the children to sign a "discharge" for us, in case they do not take their children with them and I shall pass to you those which concern the children you have. These papers may be of value in the future.

SEPT. 1, 1942 (DIARY)
… in afternoon two policemen called asking me to get the Landesmann children ready in an hour's time; that rather upset the others who had come at same time, because they are afraid of what may be happening to their parents; Ginette [Drucker] has never heard from her mother; I'm afraid for her; after getting all their clothes out of washing process in basement, waited with them until ten o'clock …

SEPT. 2, 1942 (DIARY)
All day expected *gendarmes* [police] to be dropping in, but they did not show up …

SEPT. 3, 1942 (DIARY)
… an urgent telegram was telephoned from Canet concerning the Landesmann children; while at the post office [Maria Louise] Sangarné called me to tell me that Miss Elmes had called saying that the uncle of the children was coming after them immediately; … Mr. Cadier from Pau and a man from the Prefecture arrived shortly before 6 o'clock to get children; when I heard of how they were finally snatched from the fate hanging over them, I felt as if God must have had a hand in preventing anyone from coming after them during these two days interrupted by calls and telegrams concerning them; had they been taken to camp, likely all efforts would have arrived too late for any good. …

BUT MY YEAR'S EXPERIENCE IN RELIEF WORK OVER HERE HAS TAUGHT ME MORE THAN EVER THAT ONE HAS TO LIVE ONLY A DAY AT A TIME...

Relief agencies like MCC had been allowed to continue working in France as long as they remained neutral and followed French law. Individual workers like Lois and Mary Elmes had to make difficult decisions. To obviously flaunt the law would render them unable to help anyone. But to release these children in the face of anything short of legal duress was something they both found unconscionable.

OCT. 23, 1942 (LETTER HOME)
… Now I can say that I have lived in France for a whole year. This year we are having much more favorable weather than last season's cold spell that marked our first weeks here. And I was reminded with the passing of the anniversary of my arrival in France that a year has gone by since the passing away of Grandma. That still seems quite unreal to me. …

OCT. 31, 1942 (LETTER HOME)
… But my year's experience in relief work over here has taught me more than ever that one has to live only a day at a time, and that God's faithfulness towards those who put their trust in Him can be counted upon for the experiences of each day as it comes bringing its particular problems. I know that without the assurance of His abiding presence and His sustaining help, I would feel lost in an impossible tangle of circumstances. …

This was Lois' last letter home (before her internment) that is housed in the Mennonite Church USA Archives - Goshen; no further diary entries are known to exist.

On Nov. 11, 1942, Germany took control of southern France, and Americans became unwelcome. On Jan. 27, 1943, Lois was taken as a prisoner of war and spent a year at Baden-Baden, Germany, as part of the official North American Diplomatic Group before negotiations led to her release and arrival in New York City on March 15, 1944. Lois resumed teaching French at Goshen College in the fall of 1944.

Photos courtesy family collection

Lois Gunden Clemens '36 with granddaughter **Margaret Fisher Aeschliman '87**, around 1968

Four generations, around 1994: *(left to right)* **Ernest Clemens, Peter Miller '09, Susan Fisher Miller '79, John Miller '14, Pauline Clemens Fisher '48, Christopher Miller, John J. Fisher '48, Lois Gunden Clemens '36**

LOIS, OUR GRANDMOTHER

BY SUSAN FISHER MILLER '79

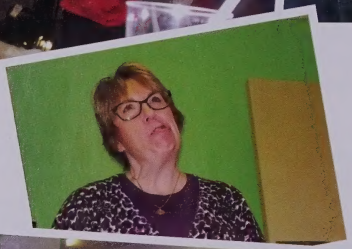
Lois Gunden (1915-2005) became my grandmother when she married my grandfather, Ernest Clemens, in 1958. The wedding ceremony on the Goshen College campus united Midwesterner professor Lois to Easterner banker Ernest, who almost six years earlier had suffered the loss to cancer of his first wife, Clara (mother to my mother, Pauline Clemens Fisher '48). Entering into mid-life marriage (Lois was 43, Ernest 58), Lois joined to her accustomed role of independent career woman the roles of wife, stepmother and grandmother. Our family received, for close to five decades, Lois' gifts of intelligence, resourcefulness and affection.

To my younger sister Margaret Fisher Aeschliman '87 and me, Lois was first our grandmother, "Mom-mom." On visits to our grandparents' home in Lansdale, Pa., Mom-mom's cheerfully instructive, bemused demeanor made genial projects of everyday tasks. Mom-mom also directed us in creative and athletic undertakings, such as building an elaborate cardboard market in the basement, or plunging with us into the city swimming pool. She was also, to our family's benefit, a faithful, highly organized letter-writer, photographer, Christmas celebrator and telephone caller.

Margaret and I became aware that Mom-mom was also, in this Pennsylvania phase of her life, Lois Gunden Clemens – holder of a Ph.D. in French, founder of a branch of the American Association of University Women, tutor to international students, leader within the Plains Mennonite congregation, editor of the Women's Mission and Service Commission publication Voice and, eventually, author of the book Woman Liberated, a forward-looking scriptural study arguing for gender equality.

As I grew older, I recognized Lois as one of my life beacons. She spoke perfectly accented French, something I realized with heightened respect once I became a French major. She demonstrated tremendous personal discipline while displaying the lightest of spirits. She was a rock-steady affirmer in times of doubt: her calming pep talk delivered during one faltering Thanksgiving break likely got me through my first semester of graduate school. While she had a merry side, she could show an unmistakable regard for decorum. She once silenced a table of cousins as we loudly disparaged Richard Nixon, commenting in her dignified way that every president deserved the respect of the office. I also admired Lois' faith: comfortable with mystery, inviting, serene.

Lois did not tell us many details of her service in wartime France. She gave more emphasis to her experience of being interned in Baden-Baden and of her eventual repatriation to her beloved Gunden family. I am grateful for the light now being shed on Lois' efforts in the early 1940s to nourish and protect refugee children, in which her legacy of intelligence, resourcefulness and affection is already so clear.



Photos of Isaac's nurses, taken by Isaac with his own camera *(left)*. Isaac Steiner in 2011 *(above)*. *Photos provided*

EXPERIENCING 'JESUS AND HIS NURSES'

BY LAUREN STOLTZFUS '13

WHEN ISAAC STEINER, 7, died on March 6, 2013, after a 21-month struggle with brain cancer, his parents, **Rob and Sarah Steiner '98**, were devastated. Though the experience of Isaac's illness was agonizing, the Steiners found that having meaningful nursing care made a difference. So as a tribute to their son and his nurses, they recently established a scholarship for Goshen College nursing students in the hope that recipients will provide the same kind of compassionate care that Isaac received.

Isaac, a student at Jefferson Elementary School in Goshen, loved playing with his brothers, Jonah and Eli, had visited 19 states with his family, and enjoyed stories about the triumph of good over evil, including *Star Wars*, *The Hobbit*, *The Lord of the Rings* trilogy, *Harry Potter* and *The Chronicles of Narnia*. Even when he was ill, Isaac showed remarkable empathy and compassion for others and often said, "There are no bad people – people are good on the inside." He also had an exceptional talent with Legos, and continued to put together multi-thousand-piece sets while he was in treatment.

"Legos were his therapy," Rob said. "They would take him to a different world, away from his sickness."

During Isaac's illness, family members, friends and strangers from around the world rallied behind him, forming a group that his parents dubbed Isaac Nation.

Members of Isaac Nation supported Isaac and his family in a multitude of ways, including organizing a 5K benefit run, shaving their heads in solidarity with Isaac, sending gifts to Isaac and his brothers and wearing orange and blue Isaac Nation wristbands, a nod to the Steiners' favorite football team, the Boise State University Broncos.

Even employees of the Lego company joined Isaac's supporters: When they learned of Isaac's talent with Legos and heard that his family was raising money to purchase an Ultimate Collector's Edition Star Wars Millennium Falcon Lego set for him, they sent Isaac the first one ever produced – for free – and gave him the honorary designation of Master Model Designer and Builder.

Throughout his struggle with cancer, Isaac received loving care from nurses at Memorial Children's Hospital in South Bend, Riley Hospital for Children in Indianapolis and Center for Hospice Care in Elkhart. When Isaac awoke from his first surgery in June 2011, he told his parents that he had felt "Jesus and his nurses" with him during the operation.

In Isaac's memory and to honor the nurses who cared for him, Rob and Sarah established the Isaac R. Steiner Scholarship Endowment Fund, which will award scholarships to students in the Goshen College Nursing Department. The family has a multi-generational connection to Goshen College: in addition to Rob and Sarah, both

(left to right) **Lesley Rutt-Dyck '14, Rob Steiner '98** and **Sarah Steiner '98**, with a photo of **Isaac**.

sets of Isaac's grandparents, his great-grandparents and great-great-grandfather attended the college, and Isaac might have as well.

The Steiner Scholarship will be given to nursing students entering their senior year who have shown outstanding commitment and kindness to patients during their clinical rotations.

"I hope the recipients of this scholarship continue to be inspired to provide high quality nursing care in their careers, wherever their careers take them," Sarah said. "I want them to understand that they really have a chance to make a difference in their patients' lives."

The first scholarship recipient, who is receiving funds this school year, is **Lesley Rutt-Dyck '14** of Elkhart. Rutt-Dyck's family and the Steiners attend Belmont Mennonite Church and are close friends, which Rutt-Dyck said makes this scholarship even more meaningful for her.

"Our kids have grown up together at church and we have shared many memories," she said. "I am humbled and honored to receive such a gift in the name of Isaac and the Steiner family."

If you are interested in helping to celebrate Isaac's memory by growing the Isaac R. Steiner Scholarship Endowment Fund, contact the Goshen College Development Office.

60TH ANNIVERSARY
OF NURSING AT GOSHEN COLLEGE (1953-2013)

KELLI BURKHOLDER KING '77,
DIRECTOR OF ALUMNI RELATIONS

GADFLY TAKES US BACK

WE RECENTLY CELEBRATED Homecoming Weekend and one of the weekend activities was the production of *GADFLY: Sam Steiner Dodges the Draft*, presented by Theatre of the Beat (TOTB), a touring theatre troupe from Waterloo, Ontario. This fictional play is based on a real life story, part of which occurred on the GC campus. In the audience were Sam and Sue Steiner, on whom the story is based. The band accompanying the theater group added another layer of reality with great 1960s songs incorporated throughout, chosen specifically because they reflected many themes during this era.

If you weren't around during the years of the late 60s and early 70s, it may be difficult to grasp how this story fit into the larger culture. It was a time of political and social turmoil and uncertainty. In 1968, when this story is based, anti-war demonstrations and civil rights marches were frequent around the country. The Vietnam War was in full swing. Martin Luther King Jr. was killed in April and Robert F. Kennedy in June.

Details about this story were changed to make for stronger drama, but the play reflects the controversial events of that time, especially for young Mennonite men struggling with the draft. Traditional institutions and authority were in question with campus protests, sit-ins and take-overs around the country. Even Mennonite communities were affected as the traditional Anabaptist peace position was "tested" during the Vietnam War. GC experienced its share of controversy and tension between the administration and students. The student-produced underground paper "Menno-Pause," referenced in the play, was one expression of students' frustration with the administration during that time. This paper was satirical, controversial and hurtful to some on campus.

Whatever your political leanings would have been during the 60s, you would have been affected in some way by these events. Asking TOTB to come to Goshen to portray the story gently treads on some tough, sensitive territory that affected so many during those years. From draft dodging to changing lifestyles, this era raised deep theological and philosophical questions that still reverberate in our conversations.

Seeing Sam and Sue return, as well as others who were involved in this story and the anti-war movement, creates an opportunity for conversations, reminiscing and understanding on some of these issues for many. For some, it may bring their story full circle on the campus where it began.

Brian Yoder Schlabach '07

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Front row, left to right: **Ruth Brenneman '87**, Wellman, Iowa; **Dominique Burgunder-Johnson '06**, Washington, D.C.; **Rod North '80**, Greensboro, N.C.; **Kay Reist '84**, North Liberty, Ind.; **Heiki-Lara Nyce '89**, Telford, Pa.

Back row, left to right: **Tim Blaum '10**, Goshen, Ind.; **Peter Eash-Scott '99**, Newton, Kan.; **John Kaufmann '66**, Okemos, Mich.; **Jair Hernandez '13**, Goshen, Ind.; **John Gingerich '67**, Hubbard, Ore.

Not pictured: **Ashe Abebe '07**, Indianapolis, Ind.; **Charity Grimes Bauman '09**, Pittsburgh, Pa.; **Audrey K. Groff '81**, Reinholds, Pa.; **Shannon Unzicker '91**, Benson, Ill.; **Myrtis Shore Yake '61**, West Orange, N.J.

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Alumni News and Notes

1930-39

DEATHS

Vera Yoder Bickel '33, Elkhart, Ind., died April 12, 2013.

Ivan W. Brunk '35, Sarasota, Fla., died May 3, 2013.

Elinor Smith Gerber '36, Surprise, Ariz., died Oct. 14, 2012.

A. Roscoe Miller '39, husband of Mattie Gerber Miller, 1762 County Road 144, Sugarcreek, OH 44681, died April 18, 2013.

Hazel Smucker Yoder '30 (Goshen College Academy), Goshen, died April 3, 2013.

1940-49

NOTES

D. Edward Diener '44, Sarasota, Fla., lives in an apartment attached to his son's house. He teaches Sunday school and lectures on Mennonite history.

Wilma Davis Gundy '49, Arvada, Colo., recently published a book, *My Life Without a Stage Manager*, consisting of acts and scenes from her life. In her 35-year career as a high school English teacher and counselor, she estimates she taught or counseled 20,000 students. 1

Mervin J. Hostetler '44 and **Fern Yoder Hostetler '45**, Harrisonburg, Va., celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary July 9, 2013. Fern is retired after teaching elementary school for 29 years. Merv is retired from a career of design engineering in industry followed by a stint as associate professor of engineering at Penn State University. 2

Helen Nafziger Kaufmann '40 lives at Greenfield Retirement Center, Princeton, Ill.

Millard C. Lind '42, Goshen, translated *Das Buch Jesaja: Komposition und Endgestalf* by Ulrich Berges. The book was published in October 2012 by Sheffield Phoenix Press as *The Book of Isaiah: Its Composition and Final Form.* 3

Elaine Sommers Rich '47 and Ronald L. Rich, Bluffton, Ohio, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary June 14, 2013.

DEATHS

Helen Wade Alderfer '43, Goshen, died Sept. 5, 2013.

Henry S. Baerg '49, husband of Martha Classen Baerg, P.O. Box 131, Mountain Lake, MN 56159, died Feb. 28, 2013.

Lola Schertz Basinger '41, Bluffton, Ohio, died March 3, 2013.

Mary Mae Matthijssen Maris Berkman '47, Doorwerth, The Netherlands, died June 14, 2012.

Donald L. Berry '47, husband of Wanda Warren Berry, 49 University Ave., Hamilton, NY 13346, died Jan. 15, 2013.

R. Marnetta Yake Brilhart '47, Goshen, died Feb. 5, 2013.

Willard D. Conrad '49, husband of **Hettie Conrad '49**, 200 W. Cedar St., Hesston, KS 67062, died Aug. 2, 2013.

Inez Snyder Diener '43, Hesston, Kan., died Jan. 7, 2013.

Joseph M. Eigsti '41, Goshen, died Sept. 3, 2013.

Fern Troyer Erb '49, Harrisonburg, Va., died May 2, 2013.

J. Frances Barnard Garber '40, Goshen, died July 23, 2013.

Walter Hershberger, husband of **Esther Sevits Hershberger '45**, 811 3rd St., Kalona, IA 52247, died May 8, 2011.

Mary Ellen Stutzman Horst, wife of **Samuel L. Horst '49**, 1285 Shank Drive, Harrisonburg, VA 22802, died April 4, 2013.

Ray E. Horst '49, husband of Ruth Brunk Horst, 2121 Hawthorne Drive, Elkhart, IN 46517, died July 20, 2013.

Alfred L. Keller '40, Clemson, S.C., died Nov. 29, 2012.

Willard H. Livengood, husband of **Alvina Miller Livengood '47**, P.O. Box 116, Springs, PA 15562, died Nov. 20, 2012.

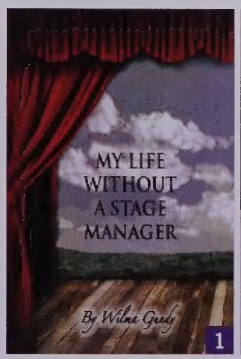
Sylvia Schrock Martin '46, Goshen, died Jan. 16, 2013.

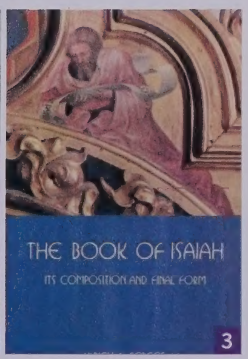
Carol Beller Miller '42, Goshen, died Feb. 17, 2013.

Dorothy Kauffmann Miller '45, wife of Wayne Miller, P.O. Box 129, Walnut Creek, OH 44687, died Nov. 30, 2012.

Robert J. Miller '45, husband of Ellene Long Miller '46, 1555 Redbud Court, Goshen, IN 46526, died Jan. 4, 2013.

Ruth Gingerich Miller '42, Wellman, Iowa, died Nov. 18, 2012.





Maurine Bauer Sawatzky '49, wife of Reynold Sawatzky '50, 1801 Greencroft Blvd., Apt. 120, Goshen, IN 46526, died May 22, 2013.

Eileen Bachman Schertz '40, Lowpoint, Ill., died April 11, 2012.

Gerald C. Studer '49, Rising Sun, Md., died Aug. 1, 2013.

Kathryn Yoder Swartzendruber '47, wife of **Dale Swartzendruber '50**, P.O. Box 309, Kalona, IA 52247, died Nov. 8, 2012.

Gladys Stoltzfus Sweigart '49, New Holland, Pa., died May 11, 2013.

Betty Stutzman Ulrich '44, wife of **Wilfred Ulrich '44**, 700 N. Main St., Fl 1, Room 703, Eureka, IL 61530, died Dec. 24, 2012.

Levi S. Weirich, husband of **Helen Vincent Weirich '46**, 225 W. Harrison St., Apt. 361, Mooresville, IN 46158, died July 25, 2013.

William N. Wenger '46, husband of **Louise Hartzler Wenger '46**, 1334 Georgetown Circle, Carlisle, PA 17013, died Feb. 16, 2013.

Russell E. Wright '40, Napa, Calif., died March 21, 2013.

Lois Johns Yoder '44, wife of **Glen Yoder '44**, 1332 Waterford Circle, Room 309, Goshen, IN 46526, died Aug. 10, 2013.

Mary Jeanette Yoder '48, Columbus, Ohio, died March 5, 2013.

1950-59

NOTES

Palmer Becker '58, Hesston, Kan., is teaching leadership in the Vietnam Mennonite Institute in fall 2013.

Marion G. Bontrager '59 and Nancy Peachey, Hesston, Kan., were married Dec. 23, 2012.

Charles Burkholder '55, Green Valley, Ariz., recently addressed the Concerned Citizens of Laguna Woods, Calif., on "Breaking the Cycle of Injustice, Danger and Death: How Might U.S. Immigration Policy Be Improved?" Charles and his wife, Aleda, are closely involved with southern border and immigration issues through their volunteer service with the Green Valley Samaritans, a humanitarian organization dedicated to preventing human death in the desert.

Phyllis Nelson Clodfelter '55, Roachdale, Ind., celebrated her 80th birthday with her four children, their spouses and grandchildren in March 2013. A registered dietitian for 40 years, she says, "I got my start at Goshen College."

Harriet Amstutz Dick '52 and her husband Nicholas, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, live in a seniors' building built by two Mennonite churches 30 years ago. Harriet volunteers in the coffee shop and nursing home.

Ben Eidse '59, Steinbach, Manitoba, chancellor of Steinbach Bible College, is completing his Ph.D. dissertation, "The Lunda-Chokwe View of Witchcraft and its Implications for Biblical Discipleship." He and his wife **Helen Reimer Eidse '59** collaborated with their daughter Faith to write *Light the World*, which captures the vision that inspired them to spend many years in the Congo where they and their African partners established 80 churches, ran 24 clinics, delivered the leprosy cure, joined in the spiritual battle against sorcery and corruption and helped mediate between clans of the Mennonite Church of Congo. 4

Harry L. Graber '54, West Liberty, Ohio, retired from active cardiology medicine in December 2011.

Abe Hostetter '53, Charlottesville, Va., a retired psychiatrist, is in his fourth decade of world-recognized research into why Old Order Amish are more susceptible to bipolar disorder than the general population. 5

Marilyn Frey Kay '57, Urbana, Ill., founder and coordinator of LEAP (Linking Educators and Parents), a dyslexia study group serving east central Illinois, provided monthly workshops for more than six years.

Harold E. Metzler '52 and Peggy, his wife of 60 years, moved to Goshen in 2012.

The Indiana Cancer Consortium established an annual award in 2008 – the Anna Miller Outstanding Contributions to Cancer Control Individual Award – because of the role **Anna Nofziger Miller '55**, Indianapolis, Ind., played in initiating and developing the Indiana Cancer Consortium.

James N. Miller '53, Indianapolis, Ind., received a distinguished career award and was inducted into The Ohio State University School of Social Work Alumni Hall of Fame on Oct. 5, 2012.

Edith Snyder Pekarek '58, Arlington Heights, Ill., makes many quilts for charities. She has had two quilt shows with only her quilts on display.

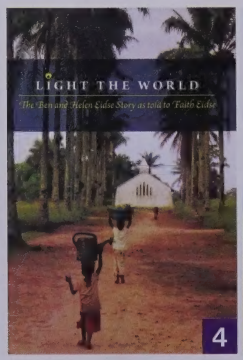
Harold Schultz '53, Kansas City, Mo., was the featured convocation speaker in October 2012 at Bethel College's 125th anniversary, where he had served as president 1971-1991. 6

Catherine Cay Siebert '55, North Newton, Kan., recently moved back into an apartment in independent living after spending time in health care and assisted living while recovering from fractures in both legs.

Ralph Smucker '59 and **Lila Amstutz Smucker '59**, Smithville, Ohio, celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary in July 2012.

Fred Speckeen '53, Kelowna, British Columbia, Canada, was elected chairman of the board of directors of Presbyterian Record, the denomination's national, monthly publication.

The Mennonite Church USA convention July 1-6, 2013, in Phoenix, Ariz., was a family affair for the Zuerchers. **Bill Zuercher '58**, Hesston, Kan., was official recorder for the adult convention. **Joyce Gingerich Zuercher '58** and daughters **Melanie Zuercher '83**, Newton, Kan., and **Andrea Zuercher '83**, Lawrence, Kan., were congregational delegates. Their son **Ed Zuercher '87**, assistant city manager of Phoenix, represented the city in the negotiations with Mennonite Church USA several years ago to come to Phoenix.



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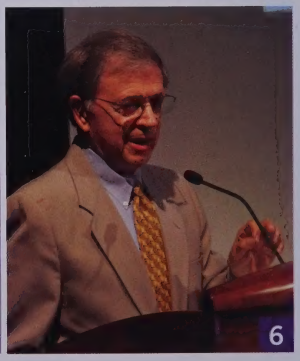
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DEATHS

Lewis Beachy, husband of **Alice Miller Beachy '50**, 5201 Bahia Vista St., #45, Sarasota, FL 34232, died Jan. 14, 2013.

Arlene Hartman Birkey, wife of **Marston D. Birky '59**, P.O. Box 245, Wakarusa, IN 46573, died Nov. 30, 2012.

Cyril C. Brooke, Jr. '56, husband of Mary Brooke, 61250 Mayflower Road, South Bend, IN 46614, died Jan. 10, 2013.

Audley M. Bruce '54, East Moline, Ill., died July 20, 2012.

Felix Canal '51, husband of Ada Jenny Ghigo, 7433 Noel Forest Court, Indianapolis, IN 46278, died Feb. 8, 2013.

Robert L. Fancil '52, Goshen, died Aug. 6, 2013.

John R. Fehring, husband of **Martha Musselman Fehring '57**, 1548 Sycamore Court, Goshen, IN 46526, died July 31, 2013.

Harry D. Gerber '57, husband of **Elaine Rocke Gerber '55**, P.O. Box 282, Tiskilwa, IL 61368, died July 20, 2013.

Donald G. Good '58, husband of E. Jean Duncan Good, P.O. Box 665, Glide, OR 97443, died March 3, 2013.

Maynard L. Good '56, husband of **A. Ruth Nafziger Good '47**, 23257 County Road 18, Goshen, IN 46528, died Aug. 19, 2013.

Lucille Yoder Gotwals '50, wife of **Robert S. Gotwals '52**, P.O. Box 64176, Souderton, PA 18964, died Aug. 4, 2012.

Beulah Spicer Graber, wife of **Ervin A. Graber '53**, 19100 Fairchild Road, Constantine, MI 49042, died May 5, 2013.

Evelyn Rocke Gunden '55, Goshen, died Feb. 5, 2013.

Jacob Hiebert '55, husband of Salome Hiebert, 495 Lindenwood Drive Ste 116, Winnipeg, MB Canada R3P 2R7, died Oct. 7, 2012.

Bonnie Brunk Hillerbrand '55, wife of Hans H. Hillerbrand '55, 20 Twinleaf Place, Durham, NC 27705, died April 1, 2013.

Dean Hoggatt '59, LaGrange, Ind., died Jan. 15, 2013.

Leonard J. Hurst '52, Goshen, died Dec. 9, 2012.

Ray Keim '55, husband of Clara Bontrager Keim, 1407 S. 8th St., Goshen, IN 46526, died April 20, 2013.

Ruth Miller Lambright '50, LaGrange, Ind., died Nov. 17, 2012.

P. Carson Lantis '59, husband of **Donna Stark Lantis '71**, 25846 County Road 46, Nappanee, IN 46550, died March 14, 2013.

Kathryn Reschly Lehmann '53, Winona Lake, Ind., died April 17, 2013.

George A. Mark '52, husband of Arlene Martin Mark '55, 1405 Winsted Drive, Goshen, IN 46526, died May 10, 2013.

Claude E. Miller '51, Kenner, La., died Dec. 22, 2012.

Vern L. Miller '50, Bedford, Ohio, died Aug. 7, 2013.

Heinz Neter, husband of **Gladys Alderfer Neter '53**, 11804 E. Calle Auroa, Tucson, AZ 85748, died June 29, 2012.

Anna Ruth Cutrell Neufeld '52, Loveland, Colo., died Aug. 5, 2011.

Fridtjof Nussbaumer '56, Miramar, Fla., died Dec. 10, 2012.

Mervin R. Oswald '58, husband of Norma Hartman Oswald, 86 Holbrook Road, Chicago Heights, IL 60411, died March 1, 2012.

Margaret Yoder Oyer '55, wife of Richard Oyer, 1720 Coventry Drive, Goshen, IN 46526, died April 6, 2013.

Margaret Wiseman Perrin, wife of **Thirston Perrin '51**, 315 Parkwest Drive, Goshen, IN 46526, died Dec. 5, 2012.

Cornell H. Price '56, wife of Mary Louise Yoder Price, 60787 County Road 17, Goshen, IN 46526, died Dec. 17, 2012.

MERRITT LEHMAN '64: ROWING TO GOLD ON THE WORLD STAGE

Merritt Lehman '64 won the gold medal at the World Indoor Rowing Championships in Boston in February. In the process, he set a new American record in the 2,000 meters for the 70-79 lightweight age group.

While his athletic background includes playing four years of baseball for the Maple Leafs and a two-plus month bike tour from Seattle to San Diego to Mississippi to Indiana, Lehman had a very inauspicious start to his now prolific rowing career. He did not begin competing in the sport until January 2010 when he turned 67 and was looking for a way to get more exercise during the winter months. He turned to rowing and almost immediately his attention turned from simply exercising to thoughts of competing.

Less than two years after beginning training, Lehman qualified for the world championships in Boston, taking second in the 65-69 age group in 2012. With the clear goal of returning to win gold, Lehman went to the gym every other day from November 2012 to February 2013. Then came February 17 in Boston. He was already the American record holder set during a qualifier, but Lehman took it a step further, setting the new mark with a 7:22.3 to win the gold.

– By Josh Gleason

Mary Fisher Regier '50, wife of Arnold J. Regier, 6555 U.S. Highway 68 S., Apt. 6B, West Liberty, OH 43357, died May 16, 2012.

Edna Mae Good Ruibal '50, Kitchener, Ontario, Canada, died Jan. 10, 2013. She was 100 years old.

Mary Ann Stemen Ryman '53, wife of James Ryman, 20033 County Road 16, Bristol, IN 46507, died Dec. 30, 2012.

Vernon Schertz '55 (faculty '62-83), husband of Eleanor Milam, Atlanta, Ga., died June 24, 2013.

James E. Shaum, husband of **Esther Troyer Shaum '56**, N8476 State Highway 117, Engadine, MI 49827, died June 12, 2013.

Alice Crecraft Shetler '56, Scottdale, Pa., died March 16, 2013.

Howard B. Snider '57, husband of Mary Felton Snider, 332 Seneca Falls Drive, Apollo Beach, FL 33572, died Dec. 21, 2012.

Irena Liechty Sprunger '52, Berne, Ind., died May 2, 2013.

Emery E. Swartzendruber '53, husband of **Josephine Lehman Swartzendruber '50**, 702 S. 13th St., Rocky Ford, CO 81067, died March 4, 2013.

Norman H. Teague '54, husband of Fannie Troyer Teague, Aroda, Va., died April 3, 2013.

Anna Yoder Weaver, wife of **Herbert Weaver '54**, 1123 Chaintown Road, Scottdale, PA 15683, died Oct. 30, 2012.

Meredith Miller Wittrig '54, wife of Donald J. Wittrig, P.O. Box 813, Topeka, IN 46571, died May 11, 2013.

Donald G. Wyse '57, husband of **C. Joyce Miller Wyse '57**, 5384 Olentangy River Road, Columbus, OH 43235, died April 4, 2013.

1960-69

NOTES

Vera Schertz Agonafer '68, Atlanta, Ga., retired in July 2012 after 44 years of nursing, most recently 18 years as Atlanta public school nurse.

Roger Beachy '66, St. Louis, Mo., was appointed founding executive director and CEO of the Global Institute for Food Security effective Jan. 1, 2013. The province of Saskatchewan, the University of Saskatchewan and Potash Corporation of Saskatchewan Inc. formally launched the Institute, housed at the University of Saskatchewan, on Dec. 10, 2012.

Philip E. Bontrager '69, Berrien Springs, Mich., was licensed for his work as transitional pastor at Fairview (Mich.) Mennonite Church on May 27, 2012. (We incorrectly listed him in the class of 1987 in the previous issue of the *Bulletin*.)

Bradley Boyd '69, Atlanta, Ga., was appointed chief judge of the Fulton County Juvenile Court in January 2013. Fulton County is the largest juvenile court in the southeast.

Linda Burkhart Boyer '66, Petoskey, Mich., now retired, volunteers at several elementary schools, helps with activities at a nursing home and stays at a homeless shelter several nights a month.

G. Weldon Friesen '63 and **LuEtta Horsch Friesen '64**, Middlebury, Ind., served with Mennonite Disaster Service for the fourth year in March 2013. This year they worked at Braithwaite, La., southeast of New Orleans, where every building was flooded during last year's Hurricane Isaac.

Robert L. Hartzler '68, Wayland, Iowa, celebrated 50 years of ordained ministry Dec. 30, 2012.

Otis Hochstetler '65 and **Betty Falb Hochstetler '63**, Brasilia, Brazil, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on a Caribbean cruise. Otis has been pastoring the Union Church of Brasilia since their retirement from Mennonite Mission Network in 2004.

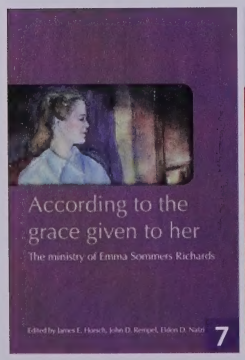
James E. Horsch '60, Goshen, edited *According to the Grace Given to Her: The Ministry of Emma Sommers Richards*, published by Institute of Mennonite Studies in early 2013. 7

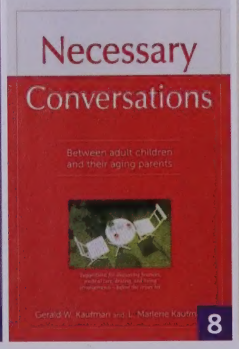
Gerald Hurst '65, Goshen, retired in 2005 from Heritage Middle School, Middlebury, after 40 years in public education. He frequently substitute teaches at Bethany Christian Schools and teaches science methods for Goshen College elementary education majors as an adjunct professor.

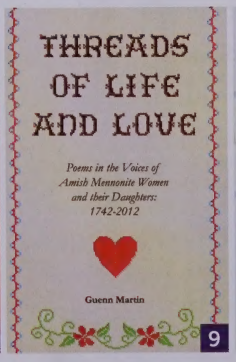
Sara Lapp Janzen '69, Buhler, Kan., retired Dec. 31, 2012, as a psychiatric nurse at Hutchinson Regional Medical Center.

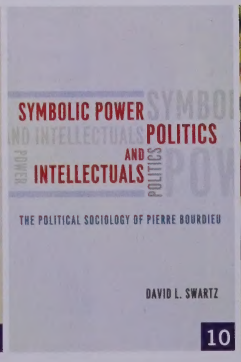
Gerald W. Kaufman '61 and **L. Marlene Cender Kaufman '61**, Akron, Pa., are the authors of *Necessary Conversations – Between Adult Children and Their Aging Parents* (Good Books, 2013). 8

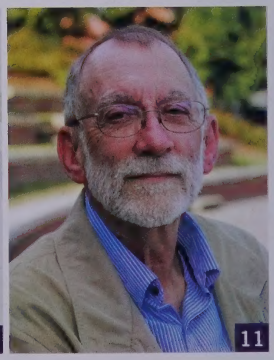
Letha Lehman '61, Knoxville, Tenn., worked in nursing from 1964 to 2012. She was granted the prestigious Lifetime Achievement Award in October 2012 by the Tennessee Nurses Association (TNA), recognizing a lifetime of contributing to nursing as well as service and contributions to the TNA.











Guenn Stoltzfus Martin '66, Fort Myers, Fla., has published a book of poetry, *Threads of Life and Love: Poems in the Voices of Amish Mennonite Women and their Daughters 1742-2012.* 9

Jim Miller '66 and Judi Miller, Eugene, Ore., celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Aug. 9, 2013.

Velma Miller Peck '69, Goshen, retired as a librarian at Orchard View Elementary in Middlebury Community Schools in 2010.

Joyce Schertz '60, South Bend, Ind., moved to Southfield Village retirement community.

Walter Schmucker '64 and **Vera Zook Schmucker '62**, Goshen, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary June 15, 2013.

Gary Smucker '67, Alexandria, Va., volunteered with Cross Cultural Solutions in a school in Villa El Salvador, a neighborhood of Lima, Peru, in fall 2012.

David L. Swartz '67, Newton, Mass., is the author of *Symbolic Power, Politics and Intellectuals: The Political Sociology of Pierre Bourdieu* (April 2013, The University of Chicago Press). He is an assistant professor of sociology at Boston University and a senior editor of Theory and Society. 10

Ed Swartzendruber '61 and **Sharon Baker Swartzendruber '61**, Goshen, have served as winter volunteers at Rio Grande Bible Institute in south Texas for 13 years.

J. Denny Weaver '63 and **Mary Wenger Weaver '65**, both retired, live in Madison, Wis.

Although semi-retired, **John C. Yoder '64**, Spokane, Wash., along with his wife **Janet Yoder '65**, led Whitworth University's first semester program to Tanzania in the spring of 2012. They plan to return in the spring of 2014.

Howard Zehr '66, Broadway, Va., is co-director of the newly established Zehr Institute for Restorative Justice. He has taught restorative justice at Eastern Mennonite University's Center for Justice and Peacebuilding since 1996. 11

DEATHS

Maurice S. Brubaker '63, husband of Carolyn Horst Brubaker, 236 Homan Ave., State College, PA 16801, died Aug. 9, 2013.

Sue E. Miller Dunn '62, Berlin, Ohio, died Sept. 12, 2013.

Hugh C. Edsall, husband of **Judith Loeser Edsall '63**, 31 Aledo Court, Saint Augustine, FL 32086, died May 5, 2013.

Willis G. Horst '64, husband of **Byrdalene Wyse Horst '64**, 1502 S. 16th St., Apt. 2, Goshen, IN 46526, died Sept. 1, 2013.

James W. Kintigh '63, husband of Joan Wies Kintigh, 130 Highland, Williamsburg, VA 23188, died Nov. 11, 2012.

Kay Sutter Kreider '69, wife of **Paul R. Kreider '69**, 4411 Phinney Ave. N., Seattle, WA 98103, died Mach 17, 2013.

Harold Lindsay, husband of **Rachel Nafziger Lindsay '62**, 13929 Blue Mountain Drive, Maugansville, MD 21767, died Dec. 13, 2012.

Chester B. Martin, Jr., husband of **Barbara Hertzler Martin '66**, 7612 Hillcrest Ave., Middleton, WI 53562, died May 26, 2013.

Melba Weaver Martin '65, Goshen, died Aug. 5, 2013.

Ellis D. Mast '62, husband of **K. Ann Smucker Mast '65**, 61554 County Road 43, Goshen, IN 46528, died June 28, 2013.

David S. Miller '62, Hutchinson, Kan., died Aug. 10, 2013.

Ralph D. Nafziger '67, Oakland Park, Fla., died July 15, 2013.

Sylvester Outley '69, League City, Texas, died May 17, 2013.

Richard "Dick" Ralph, husband of **Ruby Swinehart Ralph '62**, P.O. Box 432, New Paris, IN 46553, died March 7, 2013.

Benjamin J. Reschly '63, husband of **Margery Gerber Reschly '59**, 844 Colonial Manor Drive, Goshen, IN 46526, died Jan. 4, 2013.

Elinor Hallman Schriner '62, wife of Elmer Schriner, 220 Overcrest Drive, Fort Worth, TX 76126, died March 27, 2013.

Paul E. Shaum, wife of **Ruth Schlabach Shaum '62**, 1425 Greencroft Drive, Apt. 218, Goshen, IN 46526, died Jan. 31, 2013.

Robert D. Sherman '60, husband of Charlene Mast Sherman, 308 S. Oak Way, Glenwood Springs, CO 81601, died Dec. 7, 2012.

R. Joy Speicher Thompson '64, wife of **Ted M. Thompson '65**, 3010 Chestnut Pointe Drive, New Lenox, IL 60451, died Feb. 2, 2013.

KATHY SHORT '75 NAMED TO PRESTIGIOUS CALDECOTT COMMITTEE

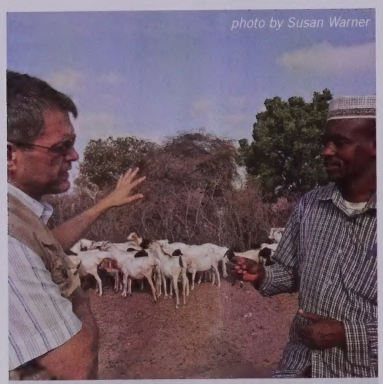
Kathy Short is highly accomplished in the field of children's literature, but when she found out that she was nominated to the 2014 Caldecott Committee, she was understandably "excited and honored to be elected."

Each year, the Caldecott Committee selects one picture book from among 500 to 700 candidates to receive the Caldecott Medal (and two to five honor books), a prestigious award that recognizes the talent of children's book illustrators. Interestingly, **Rita Smith '67** was on the committee in 2005.

It was a professor's love of books and critical consideration of children's lit that sparked Short's passion. When she was taking a children's literature course taught by Mary Royer, professor of education, Short remembers realizing that "children's literature was a field of scholarly work."

Short currently resides in Tucson, Ariz., and teaches at the University of Arizona. She is also the director of Worlds of Words, a nonprofit whose mission is to build bridges across cultures through children's literature.

– By Abby Hertzler '13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KARL FREY '88 HELPS WITH GLOBAL FOOD SECURITY

Through his work for Save the Children, an international organization that provides aid and advocates for children's rights, Karl Frey has the opportunity to help and learn from people from cultures around the world.

Frey specializes in food security during emergencies and has worked in such countries as Kenya and Yemen.

"When, during a major emergency, such as a drought, flood or conflict, families and children are forced to live in camps or move to other safe locations, our job is to make sure they have food to eat," he said. "If families are displaced for longer periods of time, we help them find work or ways to begin rebuilding their lives."

Frey joined Save the Children in 2010 after spending time working with various humanitarian aid organizations, including the Peace Corps, Oxfam Great Britain and Action Against Hunger.

"I link my work in humanitarian aid to a number of influences — an interest in other cultures, travel and time spent studying international development," he said. "There was also a connection with the culture of service that was part of my Mennonite heritage and learning."

– By Lauren Stoltzfus '13

Walter L. Troyer '68, Sebring, Fla., died Nov. 28, 2012.

Elaine Yoder Unzicker '61, wife of **Harold Kauffman '61**, 1005 Leroy Ave., Goshen, IN 46526, died March 3, 2013.

Richard Vanderveer, husband of **Mavis Vance Vanderveer '66**, 1158 E. Northshore Drive, Syracuse, IN 46567, died July 1, 2013.

1970-74

NOTES

Virginia (Ginny) Davidhizar Birky '70, Newberg, Ore., a professor of education, contributed a chapter in a book titled *Faithful Education*. Her chapter on "Joy" was one of nine written by colleagues in the school of education at George Fox University on themes and values in teaching, learning and leading. 12

Shirley Handrich Bustos '72, Valparaiso, Ind., is serving a three-year term as president of Indiana-Michigan Mennonite Women.

Rosella E. Epp '73 completed 14 years as pastor at Sermon on the Mount Mennonite Church, Sioux Falls, S.D. She and her husband Ray Reimer are now co-pastors at Zion Mennonite Church, Elbing, Kan.

Edward Liechty '74, Indianapolis, Ind., is a member of the admission committee at Indiana University School of Medicine. He also works with the American Academy of Pediatrics and the World Health Organization. **Mary Purves Liechty '75** continues to work at the Ruth Lilly Health Education Center and has been developing and implementing a school-based dating violence prevention program throughout central Indiana.

James Miller '72 and **Debra Fisher Miller '73**, Sarasota, Fla., attend Covenant Mennonite Fellowship.

Barbara Stone '73, Millersburg, Ohio, had a book published: *Transforming Fear into Gold: How Facing What Frightens You the Most Can Heal and Light Up Your Heart.* It's a guide for therapists to resolve the spiritual aspects of mental illness. 13

Jean Swartley '71, Cincinnati, Ohio, retired from a social work career with the Council on Aging in September 2011.

DEATHS

Julia Smucker Baccash '70, wife of Michael Baccash, 440 N. Wabash Ave., Apt. 4906, Chicago, IL 60611, died March 30, 2013.

Rodney J. Crossgrove '70, Rancho Mirage, Calif., died Dec. 15, 2012.

David V. Falk (faculty '65-71), husband of **Patricia Yoder Falk '70**, 189 Forsyth Drive, Waterloo, ON N2L 1A1 Canada, died June 1, 2013.

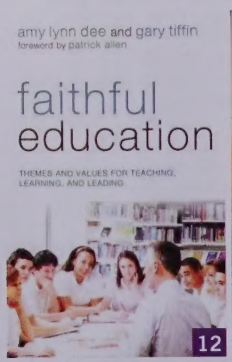
Ann Keener Gingrich '70, wife of Paul Gingrich, 1725 Juniper Place, Apt. 301, Goshen, IN 46526, died Jan. 18, 2013.

Stephen C. Kreider '70, husband of **Gretchen Fisher '72**, 500 Papipi Road, Kula, HI 96790, died July 23, 2013.

John D. Myers '70, Columbus, Ohio, died May 26, 2013.

Joyce Link Nafziger '73, Wauseon, Ohio, died Jan. 18, 2013.

Gary L. Rohrer '72, husband of Mary Ann Moran-Rohrer, 1839 Timothy Lane, Lancaster, PA 17602, died June 20, 2013.



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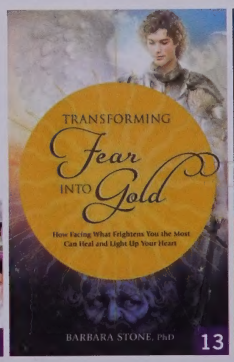

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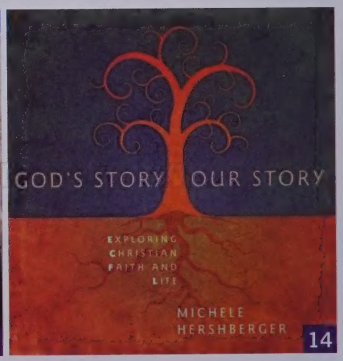

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1975-79

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Marcia DeWolf Bosek '78, Essex Junction, Vt., was awarded tenure in the nursing department at the University of Vermont in May 2012.

Anna Lizama Clark '79, Orlando, Fla., works as an OB/GYN physician at Central Florida Family Health Center.

Kenneth Dietzel '77, Pigeon, Mich., retired from the Huron County Health Department where he had served as a public health nurse for more than 29 years.

Greg Ebersole '75, has been living in Cali, Colombia, for four years. Last year he had a photo exhibition of a documentary project on Bocas del Palo, a small river town of about 800 Afrocolombianos. In July 2013 he had a second show with 57 photos from a project in Siloe´, one of the most dangerous barrios which sits on a hill overlooking the city of Cali.

Judith Beck Gongwer '79, Elkhart, Ind., continues as a school nurse at Concord Community Schools. Her oldest son Daniel graduated from Jimtown High School in June 2013.

Hope Branscombe Graham '75 plans to take a leave from the school of nursing at St. Francis Xavier University, Nova Scotia, to volunteer for six months with Butdke, a nongovernmental organization in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

J. Nelson Kraybill '78 was recognized as one of three alumni of the year at Lancaster (Pa.) Mennonite School. He is pastor of Prairie Street Mennonite Church in Elkhart, Ind.

Margaret Jones San Miguel '75, Knoxville, Tenn., retired from East Tennessee Human Resource Agency in December 2011 after 26 years as the treatment coordinator for community corrections. In September 2012 she received the lifetime achievement award from the Tennessee Association of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Counselors for more than 25 years of service in the field of substance abuse.

DEATHS

Jerald N. Brubaker '76, husband of Janelle Hess Brubaker, 59 Cypress Drive, Leola, PA 17540, died March 7, 2013.

Grace Dudley '75, Elkhart, Ind., died March 5, 2013.

George L. Franz, husband of **Judy Harder Franz '75**, 1277 N. De Wolf Ave., Fresno, CA 93737, died Sept. 29, 2012.

Robert F. Hooper, husband of **Susan A. Bender '76**, 60 N. Beretania St., Apt. 704, Honolulu, HI 96817, died Oct. 24, 2012.

1980-84

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Gina Mellinger Alicea '83, Chicago, Ill., chair of the fine arts department at the University of Chicago laboratory schools, leads a team of 10 faculty members.

Joan Miller Block '82, Doylestown, Pa., executive director of the Hepatitis B Foundation, was honored by the Viral Hepatitis Action Coalition of the Centers for Disease Control Foundation for bringing incidents of discrimination of hepatitis B-infected healthcare workers and medical students to the attention of the U.S. government. As a result of her efforts, hepatitis B is now an officially recognized disability protected under the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Tim Brenneman '81, Tifton, Ga., received the Science Alumni Honor Award from Eastern Mennonite School in March 2013. He is a professor of plant pathology at the University of Georgia, where he orchestrates research on methods of disease control in peanuts and pecans. He helps educate small time farmers in Haiti and Nicaragua on agricultural development, specifically peanut disease control.

Tim Buckwalter '84, who began his 26-year career at Lancaster (Pa.) Newspapers as an intern, was named an assistant news editor for the company's combined news operations in October 2012. The daily newspapers and Sunday newspaper now operate as one. He will continue to oversee My Community, which includes 17 community websites.

Miriam Stoltzfus DeShield '80, Belize City, Belize, has been working to educate the Belizean public about genetically modified foods. A group of grain growers, including many Mennonites, are petitioning the government to bring the first LMOs (Living Modified Organisms) into Belize because of a problem with corn borers. To date Belize has rejected the introduction of genetically modified seed. Belize is recognized worldwide for its great biodiversity and pristine protected areas.

Michele Schrock Hershberger '83, chair of the Bible department at Hesston (Kan.) College, is the author of *God's Story, Our Story:*

AMYA MILLER '89 ADVOCATES FOR JAPANESE TSUNAMI VICTIMS

Just weeks after the 9.0 magnitude earthquake and subsequent tsunami devastated 300 miles of Japan's coastline on March 11, 2011, Amya Miller returned to the country, where she was born and spent her childhood, in order to volunteer as an interpreter for a relief organization. More than two years later, Miller is still working to ensure that the needs of disaster victims are not forgotten.

Miller currently serves as the global public relations director for the City of Rikuzentakata, 80 percent of which was destroyed by the earthquake and tsunami. According to Miller, relief efforts have dwindled, but the need in Japan's Tohoku region, where the damage from the disaster was most devastating, is still great.

Miller calls on both national and international donors to continue to provide aid to the region. According to Miller, what is needed most is assistance with mental health care and jobs.

"Playing with children in preschools and after-school programs, I'm a visible reminder that someone out there is still thinking of them," she said. "I'm also able to provide lay mental health care by bringing them something to look forward to, a different kind of play, consistent joy and laughter."

– By Lauren Stoltzfus '13

Exploring Christian Faith and Life (Herald Press, 2013). 14

Shari Leidig Holland '81, McKeesport, Pa., continues as a faculty member of a family medicine residency program in Pittsburgh.

Doug Landis '81, Mason, Mich., was named one of Michigan State University's 10 distinguished professors for his outstanding contributions to education and research in February 2013. He teaches in the entomology department.

Neil R. Miller '82, Waco, Texas, is the director of World Hunger Relief, Inc., an agricultural training farm in Elm Mott, Texas. **Kristi Rowe Miller '83** is a certified nurse midwife at Waco Center for Women's Health.

Evan Roth '83, Littleton, Colo., has moved full time into executive coaching and consulting, starting his own company, Roth Consultancy International, LLC. **Grace Hunsberger Roth '85** continues to teach third grade at Stony Creek Elementary in Littleton.

Jim Smucker '84, Bird in Hand, Pa., has been named the first full-time dean of graduate studies at Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg, Va.

Linda Graber Taylor '84, Muncie, Ind., completed the first year of a two-year term as president of the Indiana Association for the Education of Young Children. This is a position held by **Kathryn Aschliman '54 (faculty '62-96)** while Linda was a GC student.

DEATHS

Joy Ehnle Bao '80, wife of Jay Bao, 891 Via Allegra, Vista, CA 92081, died Feb. 28, 2013.

Michael W. DeShield '80, husband of **Miriam Stoltzfus DeShield '80**, 5619 Lizarraga Ave., Belize City, Belize, died Dec. 20, 2011.

James E. Lauver, husband of **Janice Mast Lauver '81**, 7355 W. 390 N., Shipshewana, IN 46565, died Dec. 27, 2012.

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Randy Detweiler '88 began as lead pastor of Holdeman Mennonite Church, Wakarusa, Ind., on Nov. 5, 2012.

Joe Lehman '88 and Jessie Liechty Lehman, Black Mountain, N.C., celebrated the birth of Jonah Liechty Lehman on July 5, 2012. Joe completed 24 years of teaching in Buncombe County Schools.

Cindy Friesen-Mason '87, Hesston, Kan., was selected by Leading Age Kansas to be one of 15 professionals to participate in the 2013 Center for Leadership class, a year-long program designed to equip service professionals to positively influence the future of aging in Kansas. Cindy has been a social worker at Schowalter Villa since 2008.

Lyle Miller '88, Goshen, was ordained at Waterford Mennonite Church on June 23, 2013. He serves as pastor of family life and financial stewardship at Waterford, where he has been part of the pastoral team since 2007.

Lee Pfahler '89, Goshen, graduated from Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary on May 25, 2013, with a master of divinity degree with a concentration in pastoral care and counseling 15

Kevin Schloneger '88, Indianapolis, Ind., an Edward Jones financial adviser for the past 12 years, has been named a principal with the firm's holding company, the Jones Financial Companies, LLLP.

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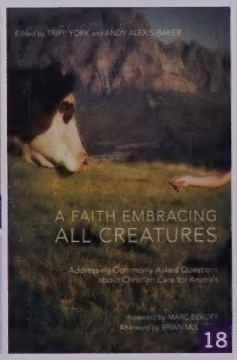

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HANNAH SOMMERS '96
INNOVATES FOR NPR

It all started when Hannah Sommers, of Washington, D.C., landed an internship at National Public Radio (NPR) in 2001. A few years later, Sommers was hired by the organization as an audio archivist. Today, as program manager, she leads a team that develops digital toolsets and workflows.

Sommers and her team create products that save time and money for NPR and its journalists. These products are used in a variety of ways, including delivering information to reporters in the field. Sommers' team also works to digitally archive stories, music collections and spoken word materials.

Sommers found that she was able to exercise both her journalistic and entrepreneurial skills in developing these innovations. "We're always asking how we can achieve simplicity – how can we shorten the time it takes to deliver an audio file to a desktop?" Sommers said.

Having studied English and natural science as an undergraduate and library and information science in graduate school, Sommers' interdisclinary education has been critical to her journey. "My education exposed me to quite a few different points of view," she said. "I realized that I liked learning about other people's experiences and wanted to work in a place where human stories matter, and where they are preserved."

– By Abby Hertzler '13

Jani VanPelt '88, Woodburn, Ore., continues to live and work with her husband Juan Jenkins in the Woodburn Adult Foster Home that she opened in 2001. She has also been working at Westside Surgery Center since 2010 as a staff nurse.

Valerie Werner '88, Oak Park, Ill., is the director of public policy and administration at the Adler School of Professional Psychology.

DEATHS

Scott D. Lightfoot '86, husband of Cheryl Wensits Lightfoot, 2550 Robinwood Ave., Toledo, OH 43610, died Dec. 3, 2012.

Martha Barkman Schmucker '87, wife of David J. Schmucker, 14490 County Road 42, Millersburg, IN 46543, died May 27, 2013.

Jim Stack, husband of **Deb Miller Stack '86**, 15225 County Road 42, Goshen, IN 46528, died May 31, 2013.

Gerard F. "Roddy" Tempest Jr., husband of **Connie Frey Tempest '86**, Chapel Hill, N.C., died July 11, 2013.

1990-94

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Dean Altstaetter '94, Ada, Ohio, serves as president of the board of chapter advisers for Phi Gamma Delta at Ohio Northern University. He also serves as the faculty/staff adviser for the Latino Student Union and is president of ECHHO (Educators and Community Helping Hispanics Onward).

Kevin D. Buerge '91 and Gayle Friesen, Plain City, Ohio, were married April 27, 2013. 16

Philip Horst '93, Astoria, N.Y., sang the role of Ostasio in "Francesca da Rimini" by Zandonai at the Metropolitan Opera in New York City in March. The bass-baritone recently sang the title role of "Wozzeck" at the Israeli Opera in Tel Aviv. Upcoming engagements include Don Pizarro in "Fidelio" at the English National Opera in London and Orest in "Elektra" in Des Moines, Iowa.

Sue Conrad Howes '92, Lancaster, Pa., works as the theater coordinator at Bird-in-Hand (Pa.) Restaurant and Stage. She and her husband, Michael Howes, lead weekend retreats for churches and organizations.

Lisa M. Miller '94, Indianapolis, Ind., completed 27 months in Bulgaria with the Peace Corps in August 2012.

Julie Miller Nielson '90 and Dave Nielsen, Bedford, N.H., celebrated the birth of Michaela Danielle on Aug. 16, 2012.

Rachel Nolt '90, Goshen, was licensed to the ministry at Silverwood Mennonite Church. She is working part time in the area of discipling and pastoral care.

Sharon Brugger Norton '92, Goshen, graduated from Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary on May 25, 2013, with a master of arts in theological studies with a concentration in biblical studies. She received the Perry B. Yoder award for excellence in Hebrew exegesis. She continues to work with Mennonite Mission Network. 17

Andrea Bontrager Unzicker '91, Hesston, Kan., joined Everence as regional director for central Kansas. She also serves as a financial adviser, working with individuals, families, churches and businesses to provide insurance and financial products and services.

Jonathan D. Wenger '91 and Tonya Ramer Wenger, Hutchinson, Kan., celebrated the birth of Joanna Hope on April 29, 2013. She joins Magdalena, 12, Micah, 9, and Reuben, 6.

1995-99

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Elizabeth (Libby) Baumgartner '98, North Newton, Kan., is an art therapist and bereavement specialist at the Kansas Infant Death and SIDS (KIDS) Network, Inc., in Wichita.

Malinda Berry '96, Richmond, Ind., wrote a chapter for the book, *A Faith Embracing All Creatures: Addressing Commonly Asked Questions About Christian Care for Animals*, published by Cascade Books. 18

Jeff R. Bontrager '98, Denver, Colo., was selected as one of the Denver Business Journal's "Forty Under 40" up-and-coming business leaders in Denver. He is director of research on coverage and access at the Colorado Health Institute, where for the past eight years he has been conducting research to understand where and how uninsured and vulnerable Coloradans receive needed health care. Also for the past eight years he has served as the volunteer coordinator at Glennon Heights Mennonite Church for Family Promise, a program that provides a safe place for families experiencing homelessness in the Denver area.

Rachel Hershberger '99 and **Ben Hartman '01**, Goshen, owners and operators of Clay Bottom

LAURA CHARLES '00 TAKES A TONY WITH COSTUME

Few people can say that they created a Tony award-winning costume, but Laura Charles can.

Charles, who honed her costume design skills as a Goshen College theater major, lives in New York City and works for a shop called Tricorne that produces costumes for Broadway shows. As a costume draper, Charles takes designers' sketches and turns them into actual garments.

Last year, Charles had the honor of creating Cinderella's ball gown for the 2013 Broadway revival of Rodgers and Hammerstein's Cinderella. In June, William Ivey Long, the costume designer for Cinderella, won the prestigious Tony Award for best costume design of a musical.

For the Tony Award ceremony, Long asked Charles to make an even more complicated version of the gown just for that evening, one that would instantly transform from rags to a voluminous ball gown.

"It was quite a challenge to create such a complicated dress for a one-time performance," Charles said. "Usually a costume like that would go through weeks of rehearsals and preview performances to fine-tune it."

Other Broadway shows that Charles has worked for include The Color Purple, Anything Goes and Motown. Though she learned to sew before attending Goshen College, she believes the Umble Center costume shop gave her the room she needed to experiment with costume design.

– By Ariel Ropp '13

Farm, were selected by the Elkhart County Soil and Water Conservation District as Conservation Farmer of the Year. They grow more than 40 varieties of vegetables and raise chickens and steers.

Mark Landes '99 began in June 2013 as vice president of finance and auxiliary services at Hesston (Kan.) College. As the college's chief financial officer, he oversees human relations and auxiliary services including the business office, food services, information technology and campus facilities.

Beth Miller Lipscomb '96 and Tony Lipscomb, Wellington, Colo., celebrated the birth of Brock Archer on Dec. 11, 2012. After several years operating their own freelance Web development and copywriting business, they now work for two Fort Collins marketing firms. Beth is account manager at Clay Pot Creative and Tony is the lead Web programmer at Nerdy Mind Marketing. 19

Sidharth Sahni '97 and Sonal Sahni, North Attleboro, Mass., celebrated the birth of Nihal Sahni on Nov. 23, 2012. He joins Arman Sahni, 3.

Jon D. Stuckey '96 and Jessica Stuckey, Lake Oswego, Ore., celebrated the birth of Logan on April 4, 2012. He joins Jacob, 6.

Mary Mitchell Trejo '96, Blue Gap, Ariz., works as an art educator in Chinle Unified School District #24.

DEATH

Isaac Ray Steiner, 7, son of **Robert J. Steiner '98** and **Sarah Burkholder Steiner '98**, 58147 Savannah Tree, Goshen, IN 46526, died March 6, 2013.

2000-04

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Marten Beels '02, Bethlehem, Pa., earned a doctorate in physics from Lehigh University in non-linear optics.

Olivia Roth Brubaker '03 and David Brubaker, Philadelphia., Pa., celebrated the birth of Micah Reed on July 17, 2013. 20

Theodore Budiardja '04 (staff '04-present) and **Shin Yee Tan '07**, Goshen, were married April 21, 2012.

Matthew Fisher '03 graduated in July 2012 from The Ohio State University with a Ph.D. in particle physics. He now lives in Vancouver, British Columbia, and is a research and technology adviser with Canada Revenue Agency.

Ryan Friesen '01 spent a year abroad in New Zealand working on a master's degree in international relations.

Freeman (Fritz) Hartman '04 (staff '04-present) and Natasha Loop Hartman, New Paris, Ind., celebrated the birth of Jane Adelaine Loop on Nov. 24, 2012.

Lisa Jeppesen '04 and Alexander Domingo, Indianapolis, Ind., were married on Aug. 16, 2013. Lisa is the chief accounting officer at the Indiana Department of Revenue. 21

David C. Johnson '04 and **Tia Widmer Johnson (staff '13-present)**, Goshen, celebrated the birth of Sarah Nel on Dec. 23, 2012. 22

Susanna Kaufman '03 lives, works and teaches piano lessons in Austin, Texas.

Joshua D. Keister '04 (faculty '04-present) and **Nina Hoogenboom '03**, Goshen, celebrated the birth of Kenzie Patricia on Nov. 23, 2012. She joins Karleigh, 3.

Alison Dick McCormick '03 and Tim McCormick, Chicago, Ill., celebrated the birth of Liam John Robert on Feb. 26, 2013.

Charity Brubaker Ortman '04 and **Paul Ortman (staff '05-10)**, Freeman, S.D., celebrated the birth of Simon Peter on Aug. 5, 2012. Paul works at Merchants State Bank, Charity is office administrator at Salem-Zion Mennonite Church and they both continue to farm.

Alicia Miller Perez '02, Houston, Texas, an attorney, started her own immigration practice.

Ross Kauffman Rhizal '01 and **Debra Lefever Rhizal '01**, Ann Arbor, Mich., celebrated the birth of Orin Lucina Rhizal on May 25, 2012. She joins Emma, 9, and Maris, 6. They recently co-founded MarasWorld.com where Ross is the website manager and Deb is a pregnancy consultant. Deb is also a student at Eastern Michigan University, pursuing a degree in nursing. 23

Matthew L. Rissler '03 and Angela Kohlhaas, Dubuque, Iowa, celebrated the birth of Noah Wilfred Rissler on June 30, 2013.

Emily Rodgers '03, Pittsburgh, Pa., is an instructor of English at Duquesne University, Art Institute of Pittsburgh and Community College of Allegheny County. She graduated with an M.A. in literary and cultural studies from Carnegie Mellon University in 2011.

Michelle Bogen Rohrer '00, Goshen, a fourth grade teacher in Middlebury Community Schools, completed a master of arts degree in education at Ball State University in May 2013.

Rachel Paulovich Sartori '02, Phoenix, Ariz., received a master of arts degree in curriculum and instruction from Arizona State University in December 2012. She has a new role as master

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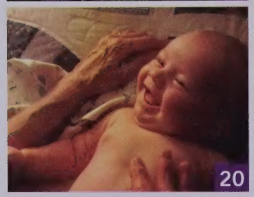
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teacher for grades K-2 at Solano Elementary in the Osborn School District for the 2013-2014 school year.

Sarah Shirk '03, Conestoga, Pa., completed a nine-month trip around the world in 2011 and currently works as the manager of Square One Coffee Bar and Roastery in Lancaster.

Jonah Wetherill '02 and **Deborah Rohrer Wetherill '02**, Villa Park, Ill., celebrated the birth of Aaron Michael on Nov. 12, 2012. He joins Esther, 2.

Dustin Wyse-Fisher '02, Eureka, Ill., is Web services coordinator at Eureka College. He is responsible for enhancing and maintaining the college's online presence, including the website and social media. 24

Elisabeth (Elisa) Zwier '03 and Henry Martínez Segura were married Dec. 17, 2011. Elisa is an adjunct professor at the National Pedagogical University in Tegucigalpa, Honduras. She is conducting her dissertation fieldwork on community participation in education reform.

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Brett A. Buller '05 and **Angela Newcomer Buller '05**, Orrville, Ohio, celebrated the birth of Emily Newcomer Buller on April 9, 2013. She joins Claire, 3. Brett finished a residency in family medicine in June 2013 and joined Dunlap Family Physicians in Orrville.

Joelle Dussek '05, Laurelton, N.Y., a 2008 graduate of the "Made in NY" production assistant training, is now a studio production coordinator for a late night talk show, "Totally Biased with W. Kamau Bell," on the FX channel.

Emily Haury '05 graduated from the University of Kansas School of Medicine in 2009 and completed a residency training in June 2013. She has joined the faculty for internal medicine and pediatrics at the University of Missouri Kansas City School of Medicine.

Diana Torres Hernandez '05 and Darick Hernandez, Goshen, celebrated the birth of Darick Manuelle on Oct. 9, 2012. He joins Dariana, 5.

Erik Hisner '05 and Jessica Fox Hisner, South Whitley, Ind., celebrated the birth of Blakeley Marie on Sept. 21, 2012. Erik completed a master's degree in coaching and athletic administration in August 2013 from Concordia University in Irvine, Calif. 25

Daniel A. King '05, Champaign, Ill., graduated with a Ph.D. in theoretical and applied mechanics from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in December 2012.

Utpal Majumdar '05 and **Prakriti Adhikari Majumdar '05**, St. Petersburg, Fla., celebrated the birth of Neel Ishaan on Jan. 8, 2013. 26

Jason Schmucker '05, Indianapolis, Ind., works as a turbine thermals engineer at Rolls-Royce Corporation. He received a Ph.D. in aerospace engineering in August 2012 from Texas A&M University.

2006

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Zac T. Albrecht-Heiks '06 and **Elizabeth Albrecht-Heiks '06**, Madison, Wis., celebrated the birth of Onie Twila on May 19, 2013. 27

Matthew J.S. Bauman '06 and **Charity M. Grimes '09**, Pittsburgh, Pa., were married on Aug. 3, 2013. Charity works for Phipps Conservatory and Botanical Gardens, where she

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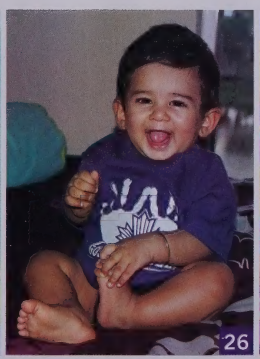
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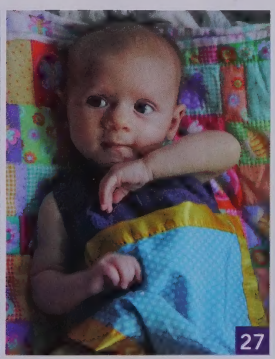
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MAKING PEACE WITH PEANUT BUTTER IN MALAWI

Mark Histand '08 and **Alex Caskey '10** are building a peanut butter factory in Malawi and saving lives.

It all began last December when Histand's brother suggested he become a construction manager for Project Peanut Butter (PPB), a St. Louis-based organization that produces fortified peanut butter for malnourished children in Africa. Histand called up Caskey, a friend from Goshen College, to see if he would be interested in joining him. Three weeks later they were both on a plane headed to Malawi to oversee the construction of a new facility.

Even with three and a half years of Habitat for Humanity experience under his belt, Histand was not fully prepared for the challenges of building a 1,200 square meter factory made of concrete and steel. Still, the joys of working alongside a passionate Malawian construction crew and witnessing PPB save lives outweigh any setbacks, they said.

"What we're working on is so tangible," Caskey said. "Kids are being saved, this building is going up, and we can actually see it."

Histand and Caskey expect construction to be completed by the end of November, with peanut butter production up and running as early as January 1. Learn more about their work at projectpeanutbutter.org.

– By Ariel Ropp '13

coordinates an edible garden outreach program. Matt is a Ph.D. candidate in the department of bioengineering at the University of Pittsburgh. 28

Rachel Eisenstat '06, Denver, Colo., is using her college musical training to record her band Raven Jane's debut album. Eisenstat has been working as an independent musician in Denver since 2007, releasing a solo album in 2010. Other GC alumni involved in the Raven Jane album include **Sondra Eby '04**, marketing manager and Web designer, as well as co-writer on some songs; **Daniel Eisenstat (GC student 1999-2001)**, co-writer on the album and playing guitar on several tracks; and **Eric Meyer '05**, songwriter.

Anna Groff '06, Whiteriver, Ariz., completed a master's degree in public administration with a nonprofit management focus from Arizona State University in May 2013. She continues as associate editor of The Mennonite and recently began a new half-time position as director of grants for a nonprofit agency. Her husband **Brian Miller '03** continues to work with the Indian Health Service.

Justin B. Heinzekehr '06 and Hannah Heinzekehr, Claremont, Calif., celebrated the birth of Elena Irene on Aug. 17, 2012.

Thushan Hemachandra '06 (staff '06-10) and Jill Stoltzfus, Madison, Wis., were married July 21, 2012.

Teresa J. Hughes '06, San Jose, Calif., works as a research scientist with KLA-Tencor.

Kimberlee Rohrer '06 works in Cleveland as a producer for "The List," which the E.W. Scripps Company launched in September 2012.

Rose Shetler '06 (faculty '07-present), Goshen, graduated with a master's degree in business administration from Bluffton (Ohio) University on May 5, 2013. Rose is the director of annual giving and operations manager for the Goshen College Development Office.

Laurel Yoder '06, Portland, Ore., has been accepted into Oregon Health & Science University's accelerated bachelor's to master's program in nurse-midwifery. She also bellydances professionally and volunteers with the WomenStrength holistic self-defense program of the Portland Police Bureau.

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Cristina Rodriguez Blough '07, Elkhart, Ind., graduated from Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary on May 25, 2013, with a master of arts in peace studies degree. She received the award for excellence in peace studies. 29

Jean L. Boen '07, Wooster, Ohio, is placement coordinator at the Wayne County Schools Career Center, where she helps juniors and seniors develop employability skills and ultimately find a job. She has also been the assistant volleyball coach at The College of Wooster the past three seasons.

Alexander R. Bouwman '07 and **Amanda Esh Bouwman '07**, Philadelphia, Pa., celebrated the birth of Hannah Jade Bouwman on July 3, 2013. 30

Nathan J. Detweiler '07 and Karla Stoltzfus Detweiler, Iowa City, Iowa, celebrated the birth of Isaiah Joseph Stoltzfus Detweiler on Feb. 25, 2013.

Josiah Ditzler '07 and **Laurina R. Graber '07**, Goshen, were married Sept. 15, 2012. 31

Garrett R. Gingerich '07, Mishawaka, Ind., is director of electronic media at Pathfinders Advertising and Marketing.

Micah Jost '07, Washington, D.C., began as a lawyer at the National Labor Relations Board in September 2012. This federal agency is responsible for protecting employees' rights to organize and to determine whether to have a union as their bargaining representative.

Jenna C. Yoder '07 and **Joseph R. Hartman '07**, Dallas, Texas, celebrated the birth of Harvey Charles Hartman on April 21, 2013. Jenna continues to work as a children's librarian with Dallas Public Library. Joe is in his third year as a Ph.D. candidate in art history at Southern Methodist University.

Jonathan B. Yoder '07 and Jonilyn G. Longnecker were married on June 2, 2013. Jonathan graduated with an M.D. degree from the Medical College of Virginia in Richmond, Va., on May 11, 2013. He is doing a residency in family medicine at UMass School of Medicine in Fitchburg, Mass.

Kyle Yoder '07 graduated from Ohio University Heritage College of Osteopathic Medicine, Athens, Ohio, on May 1, 2013, with a doctorate in osteopathic medicine. He began a family medicine residency at Summa Akron (Ohio) City Hospital.

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Janie Beck Kreider '08 (staff '12-present), Goshen, graduated from Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary on May 25, 2013, with a master of divinity degree with a concentration in theology and ethics. She is working with Merry Lea Environmental Center and Mennonite Creation Care. 32

Charles Bontrager '08, Elkhart, Ind., graduated from Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary on May 25, 2013, with a master of divinity degree with a concentration in theology and ethics. 33

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Billy Clement '08 and **Ebony Goodwin Clement '08**, Chicago, Ill., celebrated the birth of Persia Iman on Sept. 18, 2012. Billy is pursuing a master's degree in information systems and is employed at Mather Lifeways in Evanston, Ill. 34

Hugo De Luna '08 is a mathematics teacher at Lancaster (Pa.) Mennonite Schools.

Lindsay Glick Garrod '08, Anchorage, Alaska, is a project coordinator at Alaska Design Forum.

Lindsy R. Glick '08, Albuquerque, N.M., worked for Doyon/Aramark in Denali National Park and Preserve in Alaska during summer 2013 as a living history interpreter.

Laura C. Sharp '08, Hesston, Kan., graduated from Wichita State University in May 2011 with a master's degree in social work. She became a licensed M.S.W. in 2011 and a licensed addictions counselor in 2012. She works full time at Prairie View, Inc., in Newton, as a social worker/addictions counselor.

J. Justin Sider '08, Harrisonburg, Va., was selected to Inc. magazine's "30 under 30" list. Sider is the founder and CEO of RootMusic, which developed BandPage, an online platform for musicians to build a presence and post content for fans. It has more than 500,000 musicians as users.

James Stuckey Weber '08, Goshen, is web and social media coordinator for Mennonite Central Committee. In his spare time he designs iPhone apps.

2009

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Travis Handfield '09, Leeds, Great Britian, was elected national treasurer of the Wesleyan Church, British Isles District, in June 2013.

Meghan E. Hoover '09 and Kurt Heim, Fairbanks, Alaska, were married on Aug. 12, 2012. Meghan is records clerk at the office of admissions and the registrar at the University of Alaska Fairbanks.

Dara Joy Jaworowicz '09, Kentwood, Mich,, completed a master's degree in theology at Claremont School of Theology in May 2013. She also received the Jeanne Audrey Powers Award for queer rights advocacy and the President's Leadership award for academic excellence.

Morgan Kraybill '09 and Conrad Gross, Washington, D.C., were married Oct. 6, 2012. Morgan works part time with the AARP Foundation and began graduate school at Catholic University. 35

Andrew Gunden Landis '09 has been working as an assistant stage manager for the Minnesota Opera since the fall of 2011. For the past three summers he worked for the Santa Fe Opera, most recently as a production assistant. During summer 2013, he will be working with the Seattle Opera on "The Ring of the Nibelungen," a cycle of four operas composed by Richard Wagner.

Lane Miller '09, Elkhart, Ind, graduated May 25, 2013, with a master of divinity degree with a concentration in biblical studies from Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary. He received the award for excellence in theological studies. 36

Elisabeth (Libby) Richer Smith '09 and **Atlee G. Schrock '07**, Pittsburgh, Pa., were married June 1, 2013. Libby graduated from Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary on May 25, 2013, with a master of divinity degree. She also earned a master of social work from Andrews University, Berrien Springs, Mich., in a dual-degree program. 37

Laura Stoesz '09, Madison, Wis., a farmer, is a cook in the off-site kitchen of the Willy Street Co-op.

Nathan Swartzendruber '09, Goshen, has been named director for the Michiana Men's Choir, which performs annually at the Michiana Mennonite Relief Sale. He teaches vocal music and directs choirs at Bethany Christian Schools.

Josh Tyson '09, Wellman, Iowa, is a music instructor at Iowa Mennonite School, Kalona.

Jesse B. Yoder '09, Baltimore, Md., began a Ph.D. program in biophysics at Johns Hopkins University in September 2012.

2010

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Michelle Miller Good '10, **Maria Byler '10** and **Tina Peters '10** had a fun time completing the Philadelphia Marathon (their first marathon) on Nov. 18, 2012. 38

Vanessa J. Hershberger '10 works as a program associate with Mennonite Central Committee at their United Nations advocacy office in New York City.

Renee L. Miller '10 and **Rick E. Eigsti '11**, Iowa City, Iowa, were married June 16, 2012. 39

2011

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Kimberly A. Friesen '11 and **Micah C. Kulp '11**, Madison, Wis., were married June 16, 2013. Kimberly works as a chocolatier at Gail Ambrosius Chocolatier; Micah is an IT analyst for PDS Incorporated.

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Jordan Kauffman '11, Goshen, is director of communications and marketing at Habitat for Humanity of Elkhart County. **Christa Graber Kauffman '11** teaches seventh grade social studies at Goshen Middle School.

Rosanna Kauffmann '11, Oakland, Calif., is student financial services coordinator at Holy Names University in Oakland.

Kelly M. Miller '11, Goshen, is a paralegal at Just Help: Elkhart County Legal Advocacy Center.

Katelyn Nussabaum '11, Carmel, Ind., is a fourth grade teacher at Cumberland Road Elementary School.

2012

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Kaleb Batten '12, Mount Pleasant, Mich., is a residential office assistant at Wesley Foundation of Central Michigan University.

Zachary A. Clouse '12, Goshen, and **Elspeth A. Stalter-Clouse '12**, Iowa City, Iowa, were married Aug. 18, 2012.

Joel Maust '12, Ann Arbor, Mich., is in a Ph.D. program in pharmacology at the University of Michigan.

Chagan Sanathu '12, Washington, D.C., works in the youth leadership program of the People for the American Way Foundation. She trains and supports young leaders from college and university campuses across the country in establishing social justice projects such as homeless shelters and immigration rights. Her travels have taken her from New York City to Los Angeles. 40

Nick Wesman '12 is a full-time reporter with The Elkhart Truth, covering the city of Goshen.

2013

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Matthew J. Amstutz '13, Goshen, is teaching English and/or English writing to undergraduate students in Zigong, Sichuan, China, with Mennonite Partners in China (MPC) through Mennonite Central Committee for the next three years. MPC (formerly China Education Exchange) is a collaborative program of four Mennonite agencies that originally branched off of GC's SST program in 1981. Matthew wrote his history senior thesis about the structural history of MPC and what it signified about Mennonite engagement with the world.

Benjamin Kelley '13, Schaumburg, Ill., is the number two radio announcer for the Schaumburg Boomers baseball club of the independent Frontier League. Kelley played baseball for four years at GC and broadcast many sports on WGCS The Globe. 41

Zbynek Wojkowski '13, Smilovice, Czech Republic, worked with Hebron Rehabilitation Committee in Palestine during 2012.

FACULTY AND STAFF

NOTES

Andrew D. Ammons (faculty '09-present) and Tara Ammons, Goshen, celebrated the birth of Eva Rose on June 28, 2013. She joins Samuel, 2.

Jan Emswiler (faculty '10-13) and **Kajungu Mturi '13**, Choma, Zambia, celebrated the birth of Wakuru-Mae Kajungu Samson on Jan. 30, 2012. She joins Lughatili, 6. 42

Steve Nolt '90 (faculty '99-present), professor of history, has a new book titled *The Amish* (The Johns Hopkins University Press, 2013), which is co-written with Donald B. Kraybill and Karen M. Johnson-Weiner. The book is a companion to the American Experience documentary (with the same name) that premiered on PBS in February 2012. 43

Savino Rivera (faculty '12-13) and Alma Galicia Rivera, Goshen, celebrated the birth of Savino Javier on Jan. 24, 2013.

Kristopher L. Schmidt (faculty '12-present) and **Kathryn Schmidt (faculty '13 - present)** celebrated the birth of Zachary Jacob on April 12, 2013. He joins Jonah, 3.

Ryan Sensenig (faculty '07-present), Goshen, was recognized by the Elkhart County Soil and Water Conservation District as Conservation Teacher of the Year. He includes water monitoring and watershed education in his classes and helped establish a bioretention area on campus.

DEATH

Hisa Asaoka (faculty '78-80), Goshen, died May 25, 2013.

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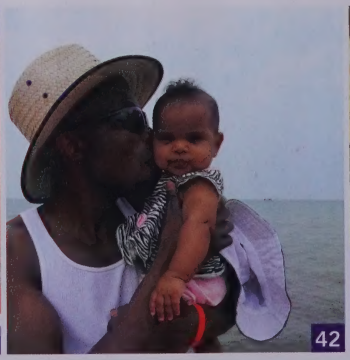
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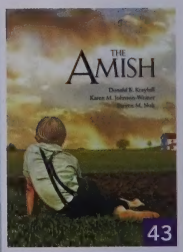

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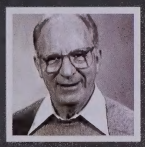
IN MEMORIAM

PROFESSOR EMERITUS OF EDUCATION SAMUEL L. YODER (1920-2012)

Professor Emeritus of Education Samuel L. Yoder '52 died on Dec. 23, 2012, at the age of 92. He began teaching education and psychology at Goshen College in 1961, and became director of teacher education in 1969. He retired in 1986. During his tenure, Yoder oversaw the adoption of programs in early childhood education, junior high/middle school education, bilingual/bicultural education and family life education.

Born into an Amish family in Hutchinson, Kan., Yoder served in Civilian Public Service (CPS) during World War II. It was during this time that he decided to leave the Amish church. After the war, he spent more than two years as part of a Mennonite Central Committee relief unit in Holland and Germany, working with war refugees.

His wife Lillian survives along with a son, John (Queen) Yoder, Elkhart, Ind. His son Michael Yoder died in 1986.



PROFESSOR EMERITUS OF MUSIC DWIGHT WELDY (1918-2013)

At the age of 95, Professor Emeritus of Music Dwight E. Weldy '40 died on Jan. 12, 2013, in Goshen. He taught in the music department from 1948 to 1983, where he led courses in music education, music theory and music appreciation. He also gave individual voice lessons and directed the Goshen College a capella touring choir and freshman choir.

He married Marjorie Conrad on June 8, 1941 in Smithville, Ohio. He is survived by four children, Cheryl (James) Martin, Greenwood, Ind.; David (Ann) Weldy, Manclova, Ohio; Mary (Tony) Clasen, West Liberty, Ohio; and Ruth (Kevin) Fitz-Gerald, Lexington, Kentucky; 15 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

PROFESSOR EMERITA OF NURSING FRAN WENGER (1933-2013)

Professor Emerita of Nursing Anna Frances "Fran" Wenger, 79, died on Feb. 2, 2013 in Goshen after a four-month battle with cancer. She taught nursing at Goshen College from 1962 to 1990. In the 1980s, she also served as the director of the nursing department. Wenger emphasized the nursing mission statement "to teach the importance of culture crossing" by motivating students to understand their patients' behaviors, values and beliefs. Her passion for transcultural nursing continued as she taught nursing education at Emory University's School of Public Health and the Carter Center in Atlanta, Ga.

Wenger married Marion (Mario) Wenger in 1975 and raised three children, Mark Wenger, Elkhart, Ind.; Joel Wenger; Fortville, Ind.; and Maria Wenger; Atlanta, Ga. Mario was a professor of German at Goshen College from 1963 to 1988. She and Mario have five grandchildren: Holly, Lindy, Adam, Hayden and Coel Wenger.

STUDENT MILLICENT MORROS (1964-2013)

Millicent M. Morros was tragically shot and killed on March 4, 2013 behind the downtown Goshen law firm where she worked by a man she had previously been in a relationship with. She earned an associate degree from Southwestern Michigan College and had been enrolled in the college's adult degree program since fall 2011, where she had excelled and was named to the Fall 2012 Dean's List. She was due to graduate in May with a bachelor's degree in organizational leadership.

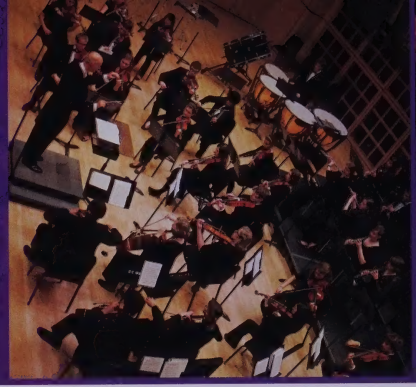
DIRECTOR EMERITUS OF STUDENT SERVICES FRED LITWILLER (1940-2013)

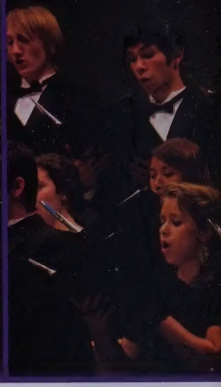
Director Emeritus of Student Services Fred Litwiller '62, who served the college for more than 35 years as a teacher, coach and counselor, died on June 6, 2013 after an 11-year battle with multiple myeloma, shortly before his 73rd birthday.

Litwiller is survived by his wife, Faye, and three children: Matt (Lisa) Litwiller, New Paris, Vonda (Ref Fransen) Litwiller, Goshen, and Laura (Mark Tenekjian) Litwiller, Northampton, Mass.; and five grandchildren.

He was honored during Homecoming Weekend by the Goshen College Maple Leafs Athletic Club as the 2013 Dr. Roman Gingerich Champion of Character Award recipient. Read more about him on page 12.

CAMPUS EVENTS
NOVEMBER 2013 - MARCH 2014





NOVEMBER

NOV. 1:
Grandparents Day

NOV. 1:
Symphony Orchestra Fall Concert
Sauder Concert Hall
7:30 p.m.
$7, $5

NOV. 2:
Performing Arts Series: The Academy of St. Martin in the Fields Chamber Ensemble
Sauder Concert Hall
7:30 p.m.
$40, $35, $23

NOV. 8, 15, 16:
Fall Mainstage: "Wit"
Umble Center
8 p.m.
$10

NOV. 9:
Fall Choral Concert performing "Carmina Burana"
Sauder Concert Hall
7:30 p.m.
$10, $7

NOV. 10, 17:
Fall Mainstage: "Wit"
Umble Center
3 p.m.
$10

NOV. 10-DEC. 29:
Art Exhibit: Jason Lahr and Krista Hoefle
Hershberger Art Gallery
Reception on Nov. 10 at 2 p.m.

NOV. 19:
Afternoon Sabbatical International Luncheon: "My Croatian Journey: Encountering a Land of Beauty and Struggle" by Jane Ruth, Niche Touring
Church-Chapel Fellowship Hall
12 p.m.
$20

NOV. 22:
Performing Arts Series: Vienna Boys Choir
Sauder Concert Hall
7:30 p.m.
$44, $40, $28

NOV. 23:
Lavender Jazz Fall Concert
Sauder Concert Hall
7:30 p.m.
$7, $5

DECEMBER

DEC. 6, 7:
A Festival of Carols
Sauder Concert Hall
7:30 p.m.
$15

DEC. 8:
A Festival of Carols
Sauder Concert Hall
4 p.m.
$15

DEC. 10:
Afternoon Sabbatical: Goshen high school choirs
Sauder Concert Hall
1 p.m.

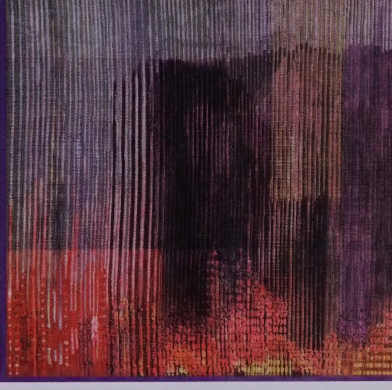
JANUARY

JAN. 12-MARCH 2:
Art Exhibit: "Binding: Jan Dean and Elfa Jonsdottir"
Hershberger Art Gallery
Reception on Jan. 12 at 2 p.m.

JAN. 18:
Afternoon Sabbatical: Chicago Bus Trip
$130

JAN. 20:
Martin Luther King, Jr. Study Day

JAN. 26:
Rieth Chamber Series: Ft. Wayne Philharmonic Chamber Music Players
Rieth Recital Hall
4 p.m.
$15



JAN. 31:
Performing Arts Series: The King's Singers
Sauder Concert Hall
7:30 p.m.
$44, $40, $28

FEBRUARY

FEB. 8:
Concerto-Aria Concert
Sauder Concert Hall
7:30 p.m.
$10, $7

FEB. 9:
Rieth Chamber Series: Daniel Bayless, organ
Rieth Recital Hall
4 p.m.

FEB. 11:
Afternoon Sabbatical: "The Globe - From Goshen to Times Square"
Sauder Concert Hall
1 p.m.

FEB. 14, 15:
Winter One Acts
Umble Center
8 p.m.
$3

FEB. 16:
Winter One Acts
Umble Center
3 p.m.
$3

FEB. 16:
Winter Choral Concert
Sauder Concert Hall
7:30 p.m.
$7, $5

FEB. 18:
C. Henry Smith Peace Oratorical Contest
Umble Center
7 p.m.

MARCH

MARCH 2:
Goshen College Touring Choir Home Concert
Sauder Concert Hall
7:30 p.m.

MARCH 8:
International Coffeehouse
College Mennonite Church Fellowship Hall & Sauder Concert Hall
4 p.m. (dinner), 7 p.m. (concert)
price: TBA

MARCH 11:
Afternoon Sabbatical: Christopher Fashun & Ben Runkel, percussion
Sauder Concert Hall
1 p.m.

MARCH 14:
Performing Arts Series: Pink Martini
Sauder Concert Hall
7:30 p.m.
$50, $45, $30

MARCH 21:
Lavender Jazz Spring Concert
Sauder Concert Hall
7:30 p.m.
$7, $5

MARCH 28, 29, APRIL 4:
Spring Mainstage: "The Marriage of Figaro"
Umble Center
8 p.m.

MARCH 30, APRIL 6:
Spring Mainstage: "The Marriage of Figaro"
Umble Center
3 p.m.

Events listed are open to the public and free unless otherwise indicated. Call **574.535.7566** or visit **www.goshen.edu/tickets** for pricing information and to order tickets. For a complete list of Goshen College events, visit us on the web at **www.goshen.edu/calendar.**

Vesta Zook (Slagel) and Vinora Weaver (Salzman) on the orphanage driveway *(left)*. Vesta with orphans she cared for in Constantinople *(right)*.
Photos courtesy of Mennonite Church USA Archives - Goshen

BONNETS OVERBOARD

BY JOE SPRINGER, *CURATOR, MENNONITE HISTORICAL LIBRARY*

THE DAY OF March 29, 1921 found Vesta Zook (Slagel), a 1915 graduate, and Vinora Weaver (Salzman), a 1918 graduate, in the New York City harbor boarding the SS Regina d'Italia ship for a 19-day voyage to Constantinople. Both women had studied at Goshen College and had since become faculty members: Vesta as dean of women and home economics professor; Vinora teaching shorthand. Three months earlier they had gotten the call to become the first "lady workers" with the fledgling relief organization Mennonite Central Committee (MCC). Civil strife in Russia had uprooted many people, some of whom fled to Constantinople. Several GC male alumni working there suggested that at least two women be sent to organize an orphanage and perform secretarial duties.

Like Lois Gunden two decades later (see page 22), Vesta and Vinora left campus duties behind to respond to human need created by war. In preparation, both underwent "preventative" tonsillectomies, applied for passports and packed steamer trunks with Epsom salts and other supplies deemed necessary for their survival. Both regretted devoting space to packing the bonnets then considered de rigueur in the Mennonite world, but were cautioned to "wear what Mennonite women in the U.S. wear." Several days into the Atlantic crossing, having recovered from initial seasickness, Vesta and Vinora took advantage of a quiet morning on deck to cast the headgear overboard.

Arriving in the bustle of an unfamiliar land, Vesta set to work acquainting herself with the duties necessary to operate an orphanage that housed over 100 children. Vinora discovered that the intended secretarial tasks were neither as time-consuming nor as necessary as other matters. Soon she was operating a center that assisted adult female refugees. Their efficient and economical leadership of operations garnered respect among other international relief workers.

A year later, MCC received permission to send relief workers directly into Russia, long the real hope of the organization. Russia, however, would not allow women to enter unless they were doctors or nurses. So, just a year after arrival, Vesta and Vinora found themselves making alternate arrangements for the orphans and women in their care. They returned home to service-filled lives in the Midwest, never dredging their bonnets from the deep.

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BURNING AND GROWING

Goshen College's deep commitment to sustainability takes many forms, including a student-led composting initiative and the conversion of lawns to native landscaping. **Natasha Weisenbeck** *(above)*, a senior public relations major from Clifton, Ill., is part of a team of student volunteers who daily collect food waste in the dining hall and help turn it into compost for use on campus. The native landscaping project also involves students. Last spring several acres of campus were intentionally burned by a team of students and faculty as part of a management plan to establish prairie grasses and control non-native weeds *(below)*. In recent years, Goshen College has restored 12 acres of lawn to native landscaping. *Photos by: Jodi H. Beyeler '00*

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